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**NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**PROCEEDINGS**

**October 14-17, 1969**

**Municipal Auditorium**

**Kansas City, Missouri**

**FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) is the national organization of students studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools, under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. The active membership is 449,457 in 8,281 chapters.

The primary aim of the FFA organization is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, citizenship and patriotism. Other purposes include: strengthening the confidence of youth in themselves and their work; more intelligent choice of agricultural occupations; creating and nurturing a love of country life; improving the rural home and its surroundings; encouraging cooperative effort; encouraging thrift; improving scholarship; providing organized recreational activities and supplementing, by means of student-initiated and student-directed activities, the systematic instruction offered to students regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture courses.

The Future Farmers of America organization has taken its place with other agencies interested in the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. National headquarters of the FFA is located in the National FFA Center at Alexandria, Virginia.

The 42nd National Convention of the Future Farmers of America was held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 14-17, 1969. The 12,675 who registered from fifty chartered associations for that youthful exposition of progressive leadership development, together with many representatives from foreign countries, must surely have returned home with a stronger belief in the future of agriculture.

These proceedings constitute a yearbook on organizational activities. The complete minutes of the convention sessions are included, along with certain other important material which is supplementary to or explanatory of the convention activities. Thanks are due many persons whose leadership and work led to a successful convention and made the publication of this booklet worthwhile.

WM. PAUL GRAY  
National Executive Secretary



NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS 1968-69 AND 1969-70

Seated, left to right: Harry Birdwell, President, Fletcher, Oklahoma; Dennis Pharris, Secretary, Hillsboro, Texas; Steve Zumbach, Vice President Central Region, Manchester, Iowa; Don Shinn, Vice President North Atlantic Region, Columbus, New Jersey; David H. Dietz, Vice President Pacific Region, Canby, Oregon; C. W. St. John, Vice President Southern Region, Redfield, Arkansas.

Standing, left to right: Jeff Hanlon, President, Cornelius, Oregon; Jerry Batts, Secretary, Athens, Alabama; Tom Johnson, Vice President Central Region, Ashland, Illinois; Glenn Weber, Vice President North Atlantic Region, Mohnton, Pennsylvania; Joe Martinez, Vice President Pacific Region, Winters, California; Lowell Catlett, Vice President Southern Region, Dalhart, Texas.

# Call For National Convention

(Issued July 15, 1969)

## FELLOW FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA:

The 42nd Annual National FFA Convention will be conducted October 14-17 at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri. A stimulating program featuring inspirational speakers and FFA leaders of past and present has been planned. In addition we will be calling attention to FFA achievements, recognizing supporters of the FFA, and plotting the course of our organization for the coming year. With the participation of each and every member in attendance we are looking forward to an enjoyable and rewarding convention.

The convention will convene with the Vespers Service on Tuesday evening, October 14, and will conclude with the traditional Firestone entertainment program on Friday evening, October 17. All State Associations in good standing with the national organization are to be represented by two official delegates plus one additional delegate for each 10,000 members or major fraction thereof above the first 10,000, and two alternate delegates. The delegates are expected to be present in Kansas City at 9:00 A.M. for the official delegate orientation and Officer-Delegate Luncheon. All American Farmer Degree candidates, award recipients, candidates for national office, and chapter representatives should be present for the first session Tuesday evening.

Each chapter is encouraged to send representatives equal to six members or 10% of its total membership. This figure does not include award winners or special convention participants. It is imperative that the representatives be *carefully selected*, registered, and oriented using "You and Your National Convention" as a guide. The eyes of many in Kansas City and across the nation will be on the gentlemen in blue and gold as our year's activities culminate during the convention.

Your 1968-69 national officers are anticipating your enthusiastic support and cooperation in making our 42nd annual National FFA Convention a memorable one.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hanlon  
National FFA President

## OFFICIAL DELEGATES

### Alabama

Sammy Peebles, Brewton  
Tim Lee, Hartselle  
Jamey Clary, Akron

### Arizona

Cliff Saylor, Glendale  
Ted Sheely, Tolleson

### Arkansas

Nathan Bagley, Joiner  
Dale Garrison, Fayetteville  
Larry West, Arkadelphia

### California

Paul Bankhead, Oakdale  
Marvin Muela, Tracy

### Colorado

Everett Kissler, Kersey  
Kirk Sniff, Hasty

### Connecticut

Lawrence Harrington, Jr., Dayville  
David Jacquier, East Canaan

### Delaware

John Comegys, Hartly  
Rudolph N. West, Dagsboro

### Florida

Paul Woodward, Lake Panasoffkee  
Dale Boyett, Clermont

### Georgia

Albert Wildes, Hazlehurst  
Tyson Stephens, Swainsboro  
Prince Brown, Dixie

### Hawaii

Patrick Porter, Kaneohe  
Gerod Victorine, Hilo

### Idaho

Neil Brood, Viola  
Leonard Hult, Shelley

### Illinois

Dan Lehmann, Pleasant Plains  
Artie Tenhouse, Liberty  
Jim Buck, Penfield

### Indiana

Lonn Stuckwisch, Vallonia  
Gary Egolf, Churubusco

### Iowa

Jim K. Hoyt, LaPorte City  
Kent C. Thiesen, Spencer

### Kansas

Lauren Libby, Smith Center  
Thomas O'Neil, Marysville

### Kentucky

Lanny Harlow, Hardyville  
Mike Richey, Bremen

### Louisiana

Tim Carroll, Sulphur  
Steve Bartlett, Calvin

### Maine

Larry Perry, Presque Isle  
Dan Stewart, Presque Isle

### Maryland

Kevin Hall, Germantown  
William Fitzwater, III, Swanton

### Massachusetts

William J. Mullen, Jr., Jefferson  
Richard P. Creterion, Kingston

### Michigan

Robert G. Craig, Ovid  
Paul Grill, Byron

### Minnesota

Richard Habedank, Goodridge  
Bruce Rydeen, Stillwater

### Mississippi

Mike Darby, Enid  
Jerry Alexander, Bentonia

### Missouri

Bob Carson, Monroe City  
Steve Nickell, Hamilton

### Montana

Myles Watts, Ismay  
Wayne Hirsch, Miles City

### Nebraska

Philip Johnson, Mead  
Jerry Zitterkopf, Lyman

### Nevada

Robert Johnson, Lovelock  
Steven Carter, Lund

### New Hampshire

Allan Quigley, Hudson  
Denis Brissette, Manchester

### New Jersey

Bernard Beatty, Asbury  
Richard W. Hughes, Newton

### New Mexico

Mike Dallas, Floyd  
Bill King, Stanley

### New York

David Hansen, Johnson  
Robert Palmer, Moravia

### North Carolina

Jesse Lewis, Pikesville  
Michael Redmond, Union Grove  
Pender Sharp, Sims  
Alvin Raye Hickman, Riegelwood

### North Dakota

Carlyle Stenberg, Watford City  
Keith Lesteberg, Velva

### Ohio

Michael Pullins, Quincy  
Bill Rogers, Raymond

### Oklahoma

Jim Beard, Mounds  
Teddy Shaw, Ninnekaah  
Leroy Crawford, Ames

**Oregon**  
 Chris Johns, Central Point  
 Gary Stewart, Canby

**Pennsylvania**  
 Timothy Ruth, Perkasie  
 Dale Hoover, Lebanon

**Puerto Rico**  
 Plinio Martinez, San German  
 Jose M. Perez, Quebradillas

**Rhode Island**  
 Jerry Haggarty, North Kingstown  
 John C. Fogell, North Scituate

**South Carolina**  
 Keith Barnett, Duncan  
 Terry Beverly, Conway

**South Dakota**  
 Paul Bixler, Centerville  
 David Van Overschelde, Letcher

**Tennessee**  
 John T. Holland, McEwen  
 Joe Fetzer, Benton  
 James Dunlap, Walland

**Texas**  
 Bill Sarpalius, Clarendon  
 Murray Edwards, Clyde  
 Scotty Griffin, Seymour

**Utah**  
 Eldon White, Ogden  
 Jan Petersen, Tremonton

**Vermont**  
 Steven C. Osgood, Thetford Center  
 Alan H. Young, Craftsbury Common

**Virginia**  
 David Shiflett, Grottoes  
 Richard N. Bailey, Danville

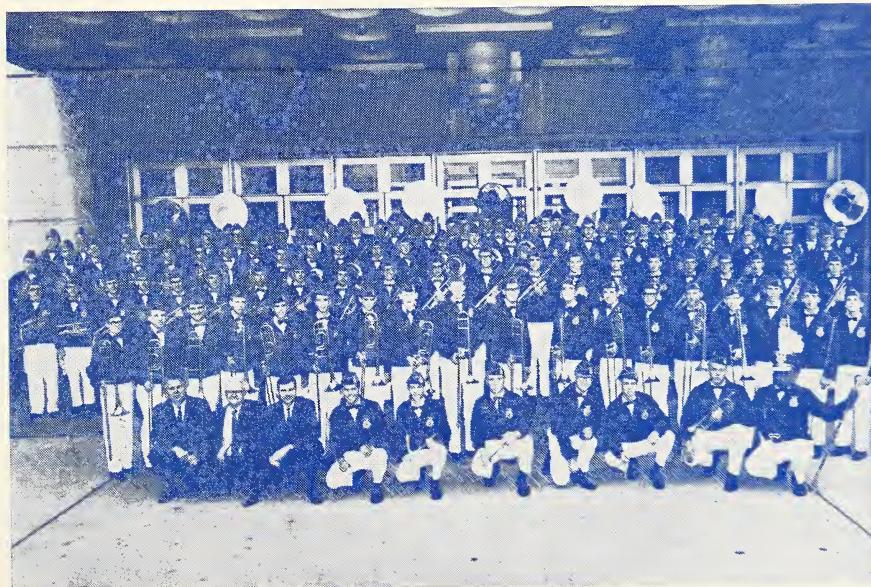
**Washington**  
 Kirk Baumann, Lowden  
 Ron Hauenstein, Reardan

**West Virginia**  
 Fred Okes, Cool Ridge  
 Gregory Lee, Terra Alta

**Wisconsin**  
 David Bollman, Rice Lake  
 Gordon Gasch, Chilton  
 Dale Kranz, Columbus

**Wyoming**  
 Dave Brabec, Deaver  
 Steve Engle, Newcastle

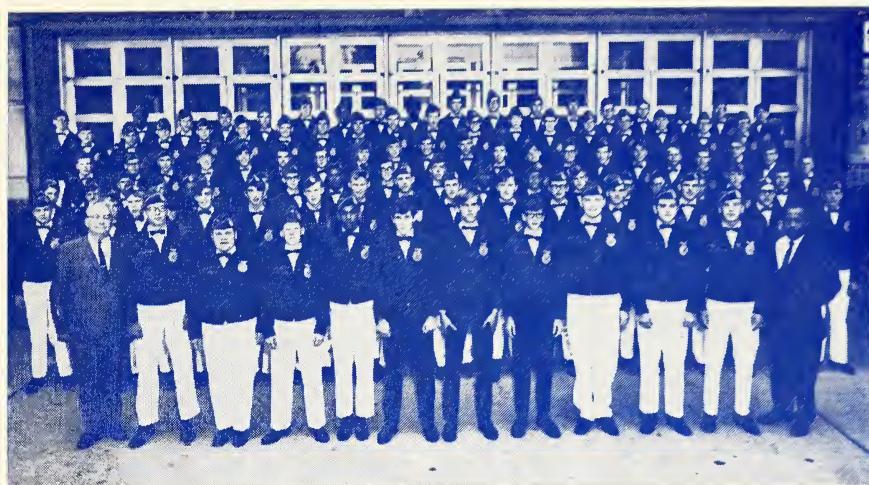
### THE NATIONAL FFA BAND



The National FFA Band, under the direction of Roger Heath, of Purdue University, added spirit and life to the National FFA Convention in Kansas. Following is a list of the 119 Band members, representing 43 States.

## BAND MEMBERS

<b>Alabama</b> Jerry Allen Garry Staples	<b>Kentucky</b> Royce E. McDaniel David Bryan Hensley Bobby Foree	<b>Ohio</b> Steve McCreary Greg Miller Roger Posey David L. Roehm Michael Wyse
<b>Arizona</b> Lawrence Huber	<b>Louisiana</b> Pat Cone Gary Hamilton	<b>Oklahoma</b> Tim Goss Steve Leathers
<b>Arkansas</b> Dennis Vosburg	<b>Maine</b> Brian Huse Williams	<b>Oregon</b> Charlie H. Chandler Eddie Reed Dwight Wolfe
<b>California</b> Gene Brandi Roger D. Reading	<b>Maryland</b> Timothy W. Beall Scott Stiner	<b>Pennsylvania</b> James A. Bear G. Lamar Bollinger R. Alan Gearhart
<b>Colorado</b> Ryan Waldron	<b>Michigan</b> Dennis Dougherty Charles Finkbeiner	<b>Rhode Island</b> Robert Waugh
<b>Delaware</b> George A. Decker John Webb	<b>Minnesota</b> Peter J. Forgacs Tom Steketee Tom Walton	<b>South Carolina</b> Allen Cartee Kerry Davis Marvin Price
<b>Florida</b> Chuck Calendine Charlie Latimore Ric Roberts	<b>Missouri</b> Keith Koppeued George Raasch Steve Thal	<b>South Dakota</b> Randy Horter Glen R. Kurtz
<b>Georgia</b> Claud Franklin Elliott, Jr. Glenn Logan	<b>Montana</b> Stan Matovich Robert D. Noel Johnnie Schara	<b>Tennessee</b> Bruce Williams
Larry Joe Mitchell Walter Sealy	<b>Nebraska</b> Keith J. Bartos Richard Cederburg Everett Meyer	<b>Texas</b> Frederick Donald McClure Walter McKellar Marvin Reagan
<b>Idaho</b> John McCabe Leslie Sweat	<b>David Nippert</b>	<b>Utah</b> James Sanders Randy Terry
<b>Illinois</b> Stanley Blunier Steve Hancher Bruce Reaves Nile Schumm James Simmons	<b>New Hampshire</b> Kevin McKinnon	<b>Virginia</b> Charles Minter Beverley R. Roller Bobby Youell
<b>Indiana</b> Rick Fuller Wayne Jenner William L. Jones, Jr. Ned Allen Wicker	<b>New Jersey</b> Larry Frace	<b>Washington</b> James Fischer Mike Snook Gary Spencer Paul E. Staswick
<b>Iowa</b> Greg Behrens Steve Blair Gary Bortz David Drennan Craig Stephen Hammes Marion L. Hendrickson Richard Less Rick Ogle Donald Steffen Orlin Sudel Rodney Schedenhelm	<b>New Mexico</b> Buck Allen David Floyd	<b>West Virginia</b> Jerry Walker
<b>Kansas</b> Richard Hagemann Rick Hossfeld Arthur Jenkinson Jerry McNamar Steve Newby	<b>New York</b> Bert Eddy Robert R. Harris Daniel Heckman	<b>Wisconsin</b> Daniel Shoemaker Glenn Yeager
	<b>North Carolina</b> Joe Hinton	<b>Wyoming</b> Dean V. Anderson Terry Shorb
	<b>North Dakota</b> Orville Blumhardt Jeff J. Jennings Brian Thomas Jodock Keith Klindworth	



#### NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

The National FFA Chorus, under the direction of Marvin D. Myers, played a vital role in the Annual FFA Convention in Kansas City. Following is a list of 105 FFA chorus members representing 36 States who participated during the National FFA Convention.

#### CHORUS MEMBERS

<b>Alabama</b>	<b>Iowa</b>	<b>Missouri</b>
Henry Phillips	Paul Thomsen	Ken Palmer
Harry Phillips	Terry Tilleraas	Tim Daugherty
James Mack Bodiford	Bob Probst	Wayne Blades
Jerry Lewis Bishop	David Merck	Bill Thurman
<b>Arkansas</b>	Tim Collogan	Randy Fortenberry
Harold Dewey	<b>Kansas</b>	<b>Montana</b>
Timmy Webb	Bernie Reinert	Jay Linderman
<b>Colorado</b>	James Lindquist	John Harper
Craig Dewahl	Steven Parkey	Douglas M. Smith
<b>Florida</b>	Wade Rozean	<b>Nebraska</b>
James Beauford	Dennis Deines	Glen F. Hillen
Terry Miller	<b>Kentucky</b>	Steve Edwards
Jim Harris, Jr.	Thomas Michael Haire	Michael Zabka
David Little	Eddie Nelson	Jim Crandall
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>Maine</b>	<b>New Hampshire</b>
Patrick A. Dekle	Tom Gagnon	Ronnie Scheu
Felton Vernon Harris, Jr.	Brian J. Cummings	<b>New York</b>
<b>Illinois</b>	<b>Massachusetts</b>	Paul C. Wilson
Robert Walton	Kevin M. Stuart	Gaeton Lajoie
Ron Lemenager	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>
Stanley Fulton	Michael Haight	Isaiah Raines
Randy Bellinger	Jeff Milbourne	Charles Ray Williams
Kent Turnbull	<b>Minnesota</b>	Charles E. Williams
<b>Indiana</b>	Dennis Paul	Andrew Raines
Allen Leising	Wade Salzwedel	<b>North Dakota</b>
Eugene Barton		Dale H. Axt
Carl Allen Holsapple		Dale Enerson
Wendell Zetterberg		Gordon Goetz
Roger Cline		DeWayne Johnson

**North Dakota (cont.)**

Rory Lee Metz  
Wayne Peck  
David Walsvik  
John Zidon  
**Ohio**  
Randy Douglass Gregg  
Bill Arthur  
Jim Keller  
Glenn Cutler  
Victor Hannam  
**Oklahoma**  
Edward Messner  
Lucky Engleman  
Jerry Randall Earnest  
**Oregon**  
Norman Robert Hasebe  
Sam Harsin  
Mark Dickman  
Jim Hansen

**Pennsylvania**

J. Scott Weaver  
Harold M. Miller  
William J. Cox  
**South Dakota**  
Duane Peterson  
Jamie Lee Combs  
Allen Severtson  
**Tennessee**  
Max McElhaney  
**Texas**  
Stanley Wayne Narramore  
Kipp Burnett  
**Utah**  
Michael Vern Jensen  
Roger D. Willardson  
**Vermont**  
Kendall Severy

**Virginia**

Hammond Coates  
Frank Jordan, Jr.  
Lawrence Wayne Daniel  
**Washington**  
Michael J. Klins  
John Goodrich  
Lloyd V. Stallings  
**West Virginia**  
Fred Stewart  
**Wisconsin**  
William J. Buchmann  
Dan Heike  
Steven Vircks  
**Wyoming**  
Richard J. Jacques  
Jack Hamblin



**SECRETARY HARDIN**

The over 12,000 FFA members, advisors, and guests in attendance at the 42nd National FFA Convention were honored to hear the inspiring words of challenge from the Secretary of Agriculture, Clifford M. Hardin.

# Minutes of the Convention

Tuesday, October 14, 1969  
Evening Session

The Forty-Second National Convention of the Future Farmers of America convened in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, at eight thirty o'clock. National President Jeff Hanlon of Cornelius, Oregon, presiding.

Following music by the National FFA Band, under the direction of Roger Heath, of Lafayette, Indiana, the report on delegate credentials was called for and Secretary Batts reported 113 delegates present from fifty chartered associations. The seating of delegates followed.

It was moved by Muela of California, seconded by Okes of West Virginia and carried that the Minutes of the 40th Anniversary Convention be approved as they appear in the 1968 Convention Proceedings.

President Hanlon announced the appointment of the Nominating, Auditing and National Program of Activities Committees. Candidates for National FFA Office were then introduced and organ music was presented by Gerry Diers of the Minnesota Association.

Secretary Batts gave the National FFA Officers' Yearly Report. Hoover of Pennsylvania moved the acceptance of this report; motion seconded by Bailey of Virginia and carried.

Kirby Brumfield, Jr., Farm Director of KATU-TV, Portland, Oregon was presented a trophy in appreciation of his participation in the Convention Vespers' Program.

Robert Seefeldt, Manager of FFA Contests and Awards, recognized the Exhibitors of the Agricultural Career Show, and invited all to visit these exhibits.

The exhibitors were:

American Agricultural Editors' Association, 1716 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50303

American Association of Agricultural College Editors, 1-98 Agricultura, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65201

American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., 835 Southern Building, Washington, D. C. 20005

American Corn Millers Federation, 1030 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20005

American Fisheries Society, 1040 Washington Building, 15th & New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20005

American Meat Institute, 59 East Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605

American Poultry & Hatchery Federation, 521 East 63rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64110

American Seed Trade Association, 1030 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20005

American Society of Agricultural Engineers, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085  
American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, Soil Service Society of America, 677 South Segoe Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53711  
American Society of Animal Science, Department of Food Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48823  
American Society for Horticultural Science, P.O. Box 109, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085  
American Society of Range Management, 2120 South Birch Street, Denver, Colorado 80222  
Department of Grain Science and Industry, Kansas State University, American Feed Manufacturers Association, Millers National Federation, Bakers Ambassador Association, c/o Boyd Houston, 3800 Summit Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64111  
Farm Electrification Council, Box 1008, Oakbrook, Illinois 60523  
Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association, 230 South Bemiston, St. Louis, Missouri 63105  
Farm & Industrial Equipment Institute, 410 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Institute of Food Technologists, 221 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601  
International Shade Tree Conference, Inc., 3 Lincoln Square, P.O. Box 71, Urbana, Illinois 61801  
Kansas State University, Grassland Management, Kansas State University, Waters Hall, Manhattan, Kansas 66502  
National Agricultural Advertising & Marketing Association, P.O. Box 4913, Hawthorn Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64120  
National Association of Animal Breeders, Inc., P.O. Box 1033, Columbia, Missouri 65201  
National Association County Agricultural Agents, 108 Whitten Hall, Columbia, Missouri 65201  
National Association of Farm Broadcasters, 925 Livestock Exchange Building, Kansas City, Missouri 64102  
National Farm & Power Equipment Dealers Association, 2340 Hampton Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63139  
National Recreation & Park Association, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006  
National Society of Live Stock Record Associations, 3964 Grand Avenue, Gurnee, Illinois 60031  
National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, 1455 N. Front Street, Russell, Kansas 67665  
Poultry Science Association, Department of Poultry Science, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas 77843  
Sales & Marketing Executives-International, 630 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017  
Society of American Florists, Sheraton-Park Hotel, H-220, Washington, D. C. 20008  
Society of American Foresters, 1010 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036  
Soil Conservation Society of America, 7515 N.E. Ankeny Road, Ankeny, Iowa 50021  
Weed Science Society of America, Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101  
The Wildlife Society, 3900 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20016  
Kenny McMillan, Assistant to the President of the Illinois Agricultural Association, and 1962-63 National FFA President,

addressed the convention. President Hanlon then presented Mr. McMillan with a trophy in appreciation for his continued faith in the goals of the FFA and his participation in the convention.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at nine thirty-five o'clock.

**Wednesday, October 15, 1969**

**Morning Session**

The Second Session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at nine o'clock by President Hanlon.

The Posting of the Colors was presented by the Marine Color Guard, assisted by the National Band and Chorus. The National Chorus, under the direction of Marvin Myers, of West Lafayette, Indiana, sang the National Anthem, and gave a special presentation of "A Salute to Our American Flag."

The Invocation was presented by Greg Bamford, 1967-68 National FFA President, after which he was presented with a plaque of appreciation.

Following a brief welcome by President Hanlon, the Building of the Emblem Ceremony was held.

E. J. Johnson, FFA Consultant and Archives Chairman, was introduced and offered an eulogy to John J. Farrar, who served as FFA Director of Public Relations and Information, from 1947 until his death in 1969.

The Address of Welcome was given by the Honorable Ilus W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.

Pullins of Ohio presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by King of New Mexico and carried.

J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, presented his report. Carter of Nevada moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Hickman of North Carolina and carried.

Vice President Johnson assumed the chair.

Secretary Batts presented an address entitled "I Am Third." Lee of Alabama moved to commend Secretary Batts on his inspiring speech and for his year as a national officer; motion seconded by White of Utah and carried.

President Hanlon resumed the chair.

National Advisor, H. N. Hunsicker presented the names of the following individuals who were considered and recommended

by the Boards of National Officers and Directors to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree and the Distinguished Service Award:

### Honorary American Farmers

Phillip Alampi, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Trenton, N. J.  
H. O. Bercher, Chairman of the Board, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois  
Kenneth B. Cutler, Regional Supervisor, Bureau of Agricultural Education, Los Angeles, California  
Donald Danforth, Jr., Executive Vice President, Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri  
D. Howard Doane, Chairman of the Board, Doane Agricultural Service, St. Louis, Missouri  
Martin W. Essex, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Columbus, Ohio  
George R. Ferguson, Executive Vice President, Geigy Chemical Corporation, Ardsley, New York  
James C. Fink, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Leonard Fuller, Clark, South Dakota  
George G. Greenleaf, Executive Vice President, Ohio Grain, Feed and Fertilizer Assoc., Inc., Worthington, Ohio  
E. E. Gross, State Supervisor, Agriculture, Post Secondary Programs, Jackson, Mississippi  
Ralph A. Guthrie, Chief, Agricultural Education, State Board of Vocational, Education and Rehabilitation, Springfield, Illinois  
William F. Hall, State College, Pennsylvania (Professor of Agricultural Education, Pennsylvania State University - Retired)  
Clifford M. Hardin, Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.  
C. Coleman Harris, FFA Program Specialist, Alexandria, Virginia  
Earl H. Knebel, Head, Department of Agricultural Education, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas  
J. H. Lintner, 6377 Cooper Road, Westerville, Ohio  
O. Claude McGhee, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Education, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia  
C. R. Miller, Director of Youth Activity Programs, The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio  
Carlos H. Moore, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Phoenix, Arizona  
John A. Morgan, Chairman of the Board, Butler Manufacturing Company, Kansas City, Missouri  
W. F. Moss, Commissioner, State Department of Agriculture, Nashville, Tenn.  
Jack P. Nix, State Superintendent of Schools, Atlanta, Georgia  
Ernest F. Nohle, Associate in Agriculture, Albany, New York (Retired)  
Sam Radak, Public Relations Manager, Ford Motor Company, Tractor and Implement Operations (U.S.), Birmingham, Michigan  
O. W. Randolph, Manager, Personnel and Public Relations, Moorman Manufacturing Company, Quincy, Illinois  
William G. Smith, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Inc., East Brunswick, New Jersey  
O. L. Snowden, Head, Department of Agricultural Education, Mississippi State University, State College, Mississippi  
John A. Stearns, Producer, AGRICULTURE . . . U.S.A., Pacific Palisades, Calif.  
Milo K. Swanton, Madison, Wisconsin (Executive Secretary, Wisconsin Council of Agriculture Cooperatives - Retired)  
Paul Taber, Director of Public Relations, AGWAY, Inc., Syracuse, New York  
Henry A. TenPas, Director, Division of Vocational, Adult and Community College Education, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon  
Joseph Everett Walker, Regional Supervisor, Bureau of Agricultural Education, Chico, California  
Clyde Ware, Program Director, Southern Territory, Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia

Don J. Wickham, Commissioner of Agriculture, Albany, New York  
 Wallace E. Wilson, Vice President, General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Mich.  
 Charles J. Hanlon, Route 1, Box 221, Cornelius, Oregon  
 Norman Batts, Route 2, Box 191, Athens, Alabama  
 Elliott Y. Johnson, Rural Route 1, Ashland, Illinois  
 Chris M. Martinez, Route 1, Box 297, Winters, California  
 B. P. Catlett, Rehm Route, Box 405, Dalhart, Texas  
 Andrew Weber, R. D. #2, Mohnton, Pennsylvania  
 W. Vaede Hudson, Route 2, Unadilla, Georgia  
 Frank L. Prahl, Route 1, Gays, Illinois  
 George R. Manbeck, Route 1, Bethel, Pennsylvania  
 Alvin O. Wollweber, Edwall, Washington  
 Marvin Dunagan, Wilcox, Arizona  
 Charles S. Postles, Sr., Milford, Delaware  
 Ivan L. Phelps, Marysville, Ohio  
 Charlie Seidel, Sr., New Braunfels, Texas  
 John A. Lawson, Jr., Crooms High School, Sanford, Florida  
 E. R. Scott, Suwannee River High School, Madison, Florida  
 Richard D. Coleman, Moultrie Junior High School, Moultrie, Georgia  
 John Richard Hawkins, Lincolnton High School, Lincolnton, Georgia  
 C. H. Majeski, Tift County High School, Tifton, Georgia  
 Keith Merrill, Minidoka County High School, Rupert, Idaho  
 Roy Hefty, Orangeville High School, Orangeville, Illinois  
 H. Conrad Haynes, Scott County High School, Georgetown, Kentucky  
 Van H. Burns, Saline High School, Saline, Louisiana  
 C. J. Sylvester, Vidrine High School, Ville Platte, Louisiana  
 James L. Pope, Gaithersburg High School, Gaithersburg, Maryland  
 John Shelstad, Kenyon High School, Kenyon, Minnesota  
 Glen D. Hardy, Moapa Valley High School, Overton, Nevada  
 Verdine Rice, Williston High School, Williston, North Dakota  
 Walden Wedin, McLoughlin High School, Milton-Freewater, Oregon  
 S. P. Watson, Gray Court-Owings High School, Gray Court, South Carolina  
 Rao K. Parker, Weber County High School, Ogden, Utah  
 John F. Adams, Middlebury Union High School, Middlebury, Vermont  
 R. Z. Arey, Turner Ashby High School, Dayton, Virginia  
 Joel S. Clingenpeel, Crewe High School, Crewe, Virginia  
 Robert L. Copenhagen, Rural Retreat High School, Rural Retreat, Virginia  
 H. Eugene Forrester, Ellensburg High School, Ellensburg, Washington  
 Allen Linster, Plymouth High School, Plymouth, Wisconsin  
 Dale L. Nestingen, Westby High School, Westby, Wisconsin  
 Gail R. Wright, Laramie High School, Laramie, Wyoming

### Distinguished Service Awards

Edith T. Bennett, Washington, D. C.  
 Tom Campbell, Director of Public Relations, Geigy Chemical Corporation, Ardsley, New York  
 Harry M. Feigin, Secretary, Contributions & Membership Committee, International Minerals and Chemical Corporation, Skokie, Illinois  
 Myron Floren, Santa Monica, California  
 J. W. Garner, District Manager, International Harvester Company, Kansas City, Kansas  
 George A. Hyma, Personal and Organization Manager, Ford Motor Company, Tractor and Implement Operations (U.S.), Birmingham, Michigan  
 Dorothea Kahn Jaffe, Staff Correspondent, Christian Science Monitor, Boston, Massachusetts  
 Jim Leathers, Product Manager, Animal Health Division, Chemagro Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri  
 D. L. MacKintosh, Professor Emeritus, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas  
 Dean McNeal, Executive Vice President, The Pillsbury Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Julian P. Morgan**, Farm Youth Specialist, Connecticut Light and Power Company Hartford, Connecticut  
**A. E. Ojendyk**, District Manager, Western Farmers Association, Portland, Oregon  
**Raymond F. Pisney**, Historic Sites Administrator, Raleigh, North Carolina  
**Brian B. Reynolds**, Executive Director, American Academy of Achievement, Dallas, Texas  
**Philip E. Schmidt**, Organization and Youth Specialist, Farm Department, National Safety Council, Chicago, Illinois  
**Claud L. Scroggs**, Director, Economic Research and Youth Relations, Southern States Cooperative, Richmond, Va.  
**A. H. Settle**, Director, Soil Conservation Awards Program, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio  
**Allan Smith**, Manager, Youth Department, Farmland Industries, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri  
**Barbara Tylden**, Former International Secretary, National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, Warwickshire CV8 2LG, England  
**Keith Weber**, Manager, Education Department, Public Relations, Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri

Watts of Montana moved that the Honorary American Farmer Degree be conferred upon the individuals whose names were read; motion seconded by Crawford of Oklahoma and carried. Perry of Maine moved to accept the candidates named for the Distinguished Service Award; motion seconded by Quigley of New Hampshire and carried.

Beard of Oklahoma presented the report of the FFA Information Program Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Alexander of Mississippi and carried.

Holland of Tennessee presented the report of the Convention Proceedings Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Hollingsworth of Florida and carried.



Delegates begin official business.

Don Greve, Chairman of the Board of Sequoyah, Inc., Oklahoma, was introduced, after which he presented an inspiring address. President Hanlon then presented Mr. Greve a trophy in appreciation for his participation in the convention.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at twelve twenty o'clock.

**Wednesday, October 15, 1969**

**Afternoon Session**

The Third Session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at two o'clock by President Hanlon.

Vice President Johnson assumed the chair.

Service plaques were presented to James C. Fink, George R. Cochran, Carlos H. Moore and O. L. Snowden, outgoing members of the National FFA Board of Directors or the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.

Vice President Weber addressed the convention on "The Rising Son." Hoover of Pennsylvania moved to commend Vice President Weber for his fine address and for his service to the FFA; motion seconded by Dunlap of Tennessee and carried.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred on those candidates recommended by the convention delegates.

Tom Devin, President of the NVATA gave brief remarks in behalf of the teachers of vocational agriculture.

Habedank of Minnesota presented the report of the National FFA Magazine Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Egolf of Indiana and carried.

Wilson Carnes, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, gave a report on "Your Magazine Speaks for You." Dallas of New Mexico moved the acceptance of this report; motion seconded by Sharp of North Carolina and carried.

Peebles of Alabama presented the report of the National FFA Calendar Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Rydeen of Minnesota and carried.

President Hanlon resumed the chair.

Ruth of Pennsylvania presented the report of the Future Farmers Supply Service Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Stuckwisch of Indiana and carried.

E. J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, gave a report on "We are in Business for Service." Johnson of Nebraska moved the acceptance of this report; motion seconded by Brown of Georgia and carried.

Hoyt of Iowa presented the report of the Leadership Program Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Saylor of Arizona and carried.

Coleman Harris, FFA Program Specialist, gave a report on "Summer '70—A Washington, D. C. Conference Program." Libby of Kansas moved the acceptance of this report; motion seconded by Thiesen of Iowa and carried.

A. H. Krebs, Chairman of the FFA Center Development Committee and Head Teacher Educator at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, gave a progress report on the work of his committee. Lee of Alabama moved to accept this report and to commend Dr. Krebs and the committee members for their work; motion seconded by Shaw of Oklahoma. Bailey of Virginia moved to amend the motion by adding that the delegates instruct the Center Development Committee to proceed with its study of the proposed Center, report their findings to the Board of Directors and the Board in turn report their recommendations to the delegates at the 1970 National Convention; motion seconded by Hauenstein of Washington and carried. The original motion as amended was passed.

The next item of business was proposed Amendments to the National FFA Constitution.

It was moved by Brabec of Wyoming, seconded by Clary of Alabama and carried to amend Article IV, Sections A and C by striking the word "Associate" and inserting the word "Alumni."

It was moved by Bankhead of California, seconded by Craig of Michigan and carried to amend Article IV, Section B, by striking the word "male."

It was moved by Hughes of New Jersey; seconded by Mullen of Massachusetts that Article V, Section A, be amended to read as follows: "There shall be four degrees of active membership: (1) Greenhand; (2) Chapter Degree; (3) State Degree; and (4) American Degree. All degrees above the Greenhand level may be subdivided as follows: Chapter Farmer or Chapter Agri-Businessman; State Farmer or State Agri-Businessman; and, American Farmer or American Agri-Businessman. A member shall not be eligible to receive the 'Farmer Degree' and the 'Agri-Businessman Degree' the same year." Motion failed. It was moved by Muela of California, seconded by Johnson of Nevada and carried to refer this amendment to a committee composed of members of the Boards of National Officers and Directors for consideration.

It had been recommended to amend Article VIII, Section A. to read as follows: "The elected officers of the National Organization shall be a President, five Vice Presidents, (one from each of the five Regions of the United States established by the Board of Directors) and a Secretary." No action was taken on this amendment.

It was moved by Lee of West Virginia; seconded by Garrison of Arkansas to amend Article VIII, Section D, to strike the words "and one at large" and substitute the words "and an immediate Past National Officer serving as Chairman". Motion failed.

It was moved by Rogers of Ohio; seconded by Shiflett of Virginia to amend Article III by striking the present Section B, and adding the following new Section B: "The National FFA Board of Directors may adjust States in each Region to insure more equal representation of membership. The Board shall establish five Regions." Motion failed.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at five o'clock.

### **Wednesday, October 15, 1969**

#### **Evening Session**

(Prior to the opening ceremony a concert was held by the National FFA Band.)

The Fourth Session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony by President Hanlon at seven forty o'clock.

Secretary Batts assumed the chair. An explanation of the Public Speaking Contest was given and speakers were introduced. After the introduction of judges and timekeepers and drawing for speaking order, the contest followed.

Following music by the National Chorus, the Kansas City Advisory Council was recognized and the American Royal Queen gave brief greetings.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem Awards in the National Chapter Awards Program were presented by the national officers.

Winners of the Public Speaking Contest were announced and awards presented.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at ten o'clock.

### **Thursday, October 16, 1969**

#### **Morning Session**

The Fifth Session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony by President Hanlon at nine o'clock.

Vice President Weber assumed the chair.

The following individuals were introduced and each made brief remarks: Sandi Brombaugh, Miss Rural Electrification; Cindi Kershner, National Grange Princess; Marcy Baranowski, Office

Education Association; Bob Watts, Future Business Leaders of America and Robert Uplinger, Vice President of Lions International.

Tenhouse of Illinois presented the report of the National FFA Foundation Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Peebles of Alabama and carried.

Beatty of New Jersey presented the report of the Guide to Local Chapter Program of Activities Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Fetzer of Tennessee and carried.

Presentation of the FFA Foundation Agricultural Proficiency Awards was made by the national officers.

The Distinguished Service Awards were presented to those individuals recommended by the delegates.

President Hanlon resumed the chair.

Distinguished Service Citations were presented to the following organizations: National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, National Agricultural Advertising and Marketing Association, Junior Achievement, Inc., Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute and Rotary Club of Kansas City.

Presentation of the Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards in the National Chapter Safety Awards Program was made by the national officers.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at ten fifty-five o'clock.

### Thursday, October 16, 1969

#### Afternoon Session

The Sixth Session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock by President Hanlon.

Vice President Catlett assumed the chair.

Jones of Oregon gave the report of the Official Manual Review and Revisions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Johnson of Nebraska and carried.

Stuckwish from Indiana presented the report of the National FFA Program of Activities Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Grill of Michigan and carried.

Vice President Johnson presented an address on "From Where I Stand." Tenhouse of Illinois moved to congratulate Vice President Johnson for his inspiring remarks and outstanding service as a national officer; motion seconded by Hoyt of Iowa and carried.

President Hanlon resumed the chair.

Shiflett of Virginia moved that the candidates recommended by the Boards of National Officers and Directors receive the

American Farmer Degree; motion seconded by Hansen of New York and carried. The Ceremony followed and the degree was conferred upon the following:

**Alabama**

Phillip Robert Anderson, Ashland  
 Tommy O. Boyd, Elkmont  
 Bab Brand, Wetumpka  
 Fred H. Cargill, Wetumpka  
 Donnie H. Carroll, Geneva  
 Gene Carter, Stanton  
 James B. Eason, Jr., Vinemont  
 Gayle Ellenburg, Newton  
 Ronnie Grace, Jasper  
 John P. Harbuck, Florala  
 Clyde Wesley Hardman, Jr., Fort Payne  
 Harold Henley, Town Creek  
 Ronnie W. Hillyer, Opelika  
 Jerry Holecomb, Section  
 Michael L. Hollingsworth, Jacksonville  
 James W. Oakes, Marion  
 Johnny Raby, Toney  
 Ned Sanders, Goshen  
 Ted Sanders, Goshen  
 Lynwood Springer, Gordo  
 Dennis Tilley, Cullman

**Arizona**

Ken Dunagan, Willecox  
 Myrl Terry Mortenson, Elfrida  
 Don Stephens, Casa Grande

**Arkansas**

James Dwight Allen, Hindsville  
 Nathan Bagley, Shawnee  
 Lyle G. Beanblossom, Huntsville  
 Frank Bearden, Camden  
 James A. Boyd, Bentonville  
 Alan Fortenberry, Leachville  
 Mike S. Haley, Piggott  
 Thomas Ira Hayes, Rector  
 Jimmy Ladd, Jr., Leachville  
 Mike Livesay, Des Arc  
 Jerry Don Milam, Huntington  
 Mike Mills, Lowell  
 Stanley Myers, Hartford  
 David A. Paddock, Hartford  
 Billy Ray Pyle, Bruno  
 C. W. St. John, Sheridan  
 James Dolphin Thomas, Delight  
 Richard L. Valliant, Rogers

**California**

John W. Augenstein, Fresno  
 Gary Lewis Bechtold, Apple Valley  
 Edward Bright, Le Grand  
 Dan Dooley, Visalia  
 Michael William David Fearien, Hydesville  
 Delbert L. Grissom, Le Grand  
 John T. Guynup, Arcata  
 Michael Hall, Turlock

David Harold Hill, Riverdale  
 Seth Russell Hoyt, Elk Grove  
 Daniel N. Jones, Chowchilla  
 Fred J. Lindsay, Tulelake  
 Danny Robert Ray, Chowchilla  
 Donald V. Silacci, Petaluma  
 Harold R. Terry, Salinas

**Colorado**

Harvey E. Cozzens, Eaton  
 Jack O. Heidenreich, Gill  
 Steven C. Herbst, Kersey  
 Richard Henry Towner, Gunnison

**Connecticut**

Fredric H. Pearsall, Bethlehem  
 John Peila, Jr., Manchester

**Delaware**

Charles Sanford Postles, Jr., Milford

**Florida**

Bruce Arthur Cook, Sarasota  
 Ronald L. Durrance, Bowling Green  
 Thomas Jones, Trenton  
 Richard Kinney, Zephyrhills  
 Donald Alvis Lane, Chiefland  
 John C. Scott, Fort Pierce  
 Joseph R. Shaw, Alachua  
 Merrill Dale Smith, Jasper  
 Charles J. Townsend, Bell  
 Reed Emerson Venrick, Winter Haven  
 Walter James Webb, Canal Point  
 Rick Williams, Lakeland  
 Dale Stewart Wright, Fort Meade  
 Bruce A. Yancy, Myakka City

**Georgia**

Charles E. Bailey, Hazlehurst  
 Dewey F. Bruce, Norman Park  
 Mike Kirby Callaway, Ringgold  
 Earl Shelton Carter, Denton  
 Philip Davis Echols, Alto  
 Ronnie Folsom, Hahira  
 Donnie C. Griner, Ochlocknee  
 Eseco Hall, Jr., Alamo  
 Walter Terrell Hudson, Unadilla  
 Harry J. Johnson, Kathleen  
 Charles Legette, Hahira  
 William Ralph Long, Byron  
 Fred Reeves, Jr., Thomson  
 Raymond Salter, Sumner  
 James David Sandlin, Bainbridge  
 Curtis L. Sermons, Hahira  
 Gerald McKinley Sheriff, Eastanollee  
 Dennis Singleton, Camilla  
 Michael Smith, Clarksville  
 William J. Smith, Warner Robins

**Georgia (cont.)**

Robert Michael Spooner, Donaldsonville  
 Donald Eugene Watson, Dawson  
 James Paschal West, Jr., Pinehurst  
 H. Luther White, Meigs

**Hawaii**

Henry Kwai Choy, Waianae

**Idaho**

Robert L. Bumgarner, Cambridge  
 Byron Briggs Evans, Blackfoot  
 Melvin Glen Goodson, Parma  
 Donald R. Norris, Kimberly

**Illinois**

Johnny Clarence Anderson, Loraine  
 Gary L. Borah, Mt. Erie  
 Henry J. Dare, Canton  
 Merle K. Gaulrapp, Rock Falls  
 James LaVern Grader, Cambridge  
 Kenneth Graul, Trenton  
 Wallace J. Klingenberg, Jr., Okawville  
 Max Kurt Kuster, Joliet  
 Edward Earl Lane, Sullivan  
 J. Dan Lehmann, Pleasant Plains  
 Kent A. Pearson, Reynolds  
 John David Frahl, Gays  
 James Loyd Rose, Salem  
 Richard Dorr Simer, Beason  
 Fred L. Smith, Findlay  
 John William Wallace, Cameron  
 John E. Wax, Newman  
 Roy R. White, Amboy

**Indiana**

David H. Brown, Franklin  
 Glenn Gesell, Brookville  
 Larry J. Gottschalk, South Whitley  
 Lewayne Hilbert, Hagerstown  
 Carlyle Holman, St. Joe  
 Larry Scott Hook, Butler  
 Jerry Warren Lambrecht, Bedford  
 David Robert Larsh, Frankfort  
 Jon Alan Roberts, Syracuse  
 James A. Scott, Pierceton  
 Ralph L. Walker, Jr., Kirklin

**Iowa**

Gary Lawrence Berns, Elkader  
 Ronald Hill, Davis City  
 Patrick William Holton, LeMars  
 Lewis Russell Horn, Drakesville  
 Burdelle Knudsen, Ida Grove  
 Loren G. Kuiper, Pella  
 Terrence R. Pemberton, Wellman  
 Paul Edwin Peters, Wellsburg  
 Stanley Kenneth Tow, Marshalltown  
 Gary D. Vontalge, Manchester  
 Ronald Dale Wahls, Garnavillo  
 Steve Zumbach, Manchester

**Kansas**

Richard C. Chambers, Oberlin  
 Richard Gottlob, Winfield  
 Samuel L. Hands, Garden City  
 Dale M. Kueser, Richmond  
 Gail E. Kueser, Richmond  
 Orville L. Stigge, Washington  
 Robert E. Wiles, Marienthal

**Kentucky**

David Dwayne Allen, Harned  
 Charles Quinton Barnett, Auburn  
 Samuel White Carden, Irvington  
 Bob Church, Woodburn  
 Bill Cooper, La Center  
 Richard Daoe Devenport,  
 Lawrenceburg  
 Billy Dockins, Russellville  
 Robert Cravens Hart, Princeton  
 Michael Wayne Hartigan, Princeton  
 Donny Ray Jasper, Nicholasville  
 C. B. Newman, Jr., Philpot  
 William Patrick Owsley, Cecilia  
 Damon Ray Talley, Magnolia  
 Billy Carl Wright, Cecilia

**Louisiana**

Willard J. Castille, Sulphur  
 Jim Eastman, Loranger  
 Thomas Frye, Natchitoches  
 Carlton Harper, Saline  
 Lindy Carl Lingo, Oak Grove  
 David Roy Lyons, Church Point  
 Douglas Felton Madden, Chestnut  
 Archie E. Magee, Franklinton  
 Stephen Mark Mayeux, Hamburg  
 James Donald Methvin,  
 Natchitoches  
 Russell Joseph Orgeron, Lockport  
 Dudley Glenn Simmons, Franklinton  
 Philip Dale Westmoreland, Franklinton

**Maine**

Daniel W. Stewart, Presque Isle

**Maryland**

Lynn R. Ausherman, Walkersville  
 John Stoddard Huff, Jr., Sparks  
 Nevin Umbel, Friendsville

**Michigan**

Roger W. Bloss, Swartz Creek  
 Roger Courtland, Scottville  
 David L. Hawkins, Allen  
 Dale Donald Janson, Reese  
 Richard Kessler, Jr., Montague  
 Myron Raymond Ortner, Reese  
 Donald C. Rueger, Auburn  
 Ronald W. Thompson, Blissfield  
 Robert B. Warner, Laingsburg  
 Michael J. Wilczynski, Blissfield  
 Ronald M. Wood, Scottville

**Minnesota**

James A. Baumgard, St. Paul  
 Gene Bertram, Warsaw  
 Robert Edward Bollesen, Tyler  
 Reynold E. Dittbenner, Sleepy Eye  
 Charles E. Fick, Plainview  
 Jerome Graff, Sleepy Eye  
 Dale E. Kelm, Faribault  
 Arlan E. Larson, Climax  
 Kenneth Lee, Kenyon  
 Thomas A. Meium, Jackson  
 Raymond Allen Mussell, Plainview  
 Thomas R. Schulz, Sebeka  
 Paul Wm. Stegemann, Cannon Falls  
 Robert Michael Ziems, Gully

**Mississippi**

Jerry C. Alexander, Bentonia  
 Jackie Lee Dodd, New Albany  
 Wilson Slayden Floyd, Raymond  
 Jerry Caleb Hill, Laurel  
 John Kenneth Hill, Laurel  
 Louis E. Hogue, Clinton  
 Robert B. Langston, III, Raymond  
 Edward Earl McCaughn, Morton  
 James Alton Nevins, Hamilton  
 Danny A. Smith, Paden  
 Bobby Ray Stokes, Morton  
 Jimmy Dale Strong, Carpenter

**Missouri**

Jimmy Joe Below, Delta  
 James Robert Binney, Trenton  
 Wm. Gene Cartee, Maysville  
 John Gordon Gayer, Ash Grove  
 Dale C. Hawkins, Norborne  
 Terry W. Heiman, Glasgow  
 Kenneth D. Hunziker, Knox City  
 Meredith B. Manson, Brunswick  
 Robert A. Neal, Jr., Nixa  
 Donald H. Porter, Palmyra  
 David Lynn Ratcliff, California  
 Dwaine Franklin Reed, Gatewood  
 John Sam Williamson, Jr., Columbia

**Montana**

Monte M. Clemow, Wisdom  
 Joseph David Strobbe, Pompeys Pillar  
 Brian K. Wood, Loma

**Nebraska**

Douglas Lambrecht, Pierce  
 Danny Morgan, Burwell  
 Alan Kirk Retzlaff, Walton  
 Kenneth Schoch, Bancroft  
 Van D. Volk, Battle Creek  
 Larry White, North Loup

**Nevada**

Thomas Tomera, Waysack, Elko

**New Hampshire**

William Bryant Frizzell, Colebrook

**New Jersey**

Donald Kenneth Shinn, Columbus  
 James Jeffrey Spencer, Lebanon

**New Mexico**

Craig Lye Cosner, San Jon  
 Charles Allen McAlister, Portales  
 Pat Woods, Grady

**New York**

James H. Buelow, Little Valley  
 Jon Richard Davis, Homer  
 Leland E. Ploutz, Jr., Walton  
 John L. Potter, Scio  
 Larry Smith, East Concord  
 Michael W. Toner, Sauquoit

**North Carolina**

Alan Dale Bess, Statesville  
 Charles J. Bryson, Brevard  
 John Martin Crawford, Goldsboro  
 Bobby Davis, Waxhaw  
 Wayne Jackson Dickerson, Ruffin  
 Donald Albert Durden, Fayetteville  
 Larry Roger Eason, Wade  
 Gerald Y. Fitch, Leasburg  
 Glenn Edward Garner, Roanoke Rapids  
 Gary Steven Godfrey, Statesville  
 Lincoln Grant Godwin, Dunn  
 David Sherill Hawley, Godwin  
 Thomas C. Hege, Lexington  
 Johny Robert Hendricks, Zebulon  
 Jerry Hiatt Hilton, Thomasville  
 Harry Bartlett Jackson, Dunn  
 James Theron Johnson, Wade  
 Terry Lynn Knox, Mooresville  
 James Ray Leonard, Welcome  
 John Dorman Loyd, Statesville  
 James Ray Mabe, Jr., Madison  
 Jenson Leon McLaurin, Wade  
 Edward Dwain Mesimer, Concord  
 Ronald Gene Pearson, Clinton  
 Charles Little Pope, Stony Point  
 David K. Redmond, Statesville  
 Phillip Ray Ricks, Goldsboro  
 Lawrence Clark Smith, Jr., Fayetteville

Donald Gray Trivette, Union Grove  
 Frank Robert Walls, Jr., Fuquay-Varina  
 Sammy Franklin Warren, Fayetteville

Aubery Ray Williams, Bladenboro  
 Ronald Lynwood Williams, Wade

**North Dakota**

Philip A. Backstrom, Maddock  
 Dale Edward Carlson, Minot  
 Keith Arlen Cavett, Enderlin  
 Dale L. Roemmich, Mott  
 William G. Sheldon, Tioga

**Ohio**

Carl Edwin Ayers, Perrysville  
 David N. Baird, Marysville

William Edward Blazer, North Lewisburg  
 Donald Richard Bohl, Sardinia  
 Kenneth E. Cole, Radnor  
 John R. Crates, Kenton  
 Michael Franklin Frazee, Pleasant Plain  
 Wilfred Lee Kanagy, Cable  
 James I. Milbrodt, Graytown  
 Von R. Mohler, Sidney  
 Roger Lee Phelps, Marysville  
 James Lloyd Poorman, Somerset  
 Arthur D. Shuman, Troy  
 David Ufferman, Centerburg

**Oklahoma**  
 Larry Dale Adair, Lawton  
 Jerry L. Arthur, Fletcher  
 Harry Wayne Birdwell, Fletcher  
 Lon C. Bolen, Cushing  
 J. Kirk Castleberry, Ninnekah  
 Eldon Ray Cinnamon, Garber  
 Carl Ray Cook, Stillwater  
 David Earl Deason, Ft. Cobb  
 Thomas M. Fryer, Frederick  
 Daniel F. Fuksa, Hennessey  
 Terry L. Hickman, Bokoshe  
 John R. McElroy, Snyder  
 David Lynn Messenger, Blackwell  
 Charles William Rackley, Alva  
 LaVerne George Semrad, Guthrie  
 James Mulcahy Simmons, Cashion  
 Paul Franklin Starr, Owasso  
 M. Sidney Yost, Billings

**Oregon**  
 Garry Clark Carpenter, Madras  
 David H. Dietz, Canby  
 Ted Forth, Rieth  
 Ralph R. Piuser, Molalla  
 John E. Scharf, Amity

**Pennsylvania**  
 Dale S. Barron, Somerset  
 George D. Bisbort, Alburtis  
 David E. Hackenberg, Lewisburg  
 Jack L. Hippel, Trout Run  
 Paul A. Kilmer, Towanda  
 Oscar J. Manbeck, Bethel  
 Michael L. McKinney, Centre Hall  
 Kenneth I. Sellers, Lebanon  
 Richard Paul Sholley, Jonestown  
 George William Snyder, Red Lion

**Puerto Rico**  
 Jose Manuel Perez Pagan, Cocos, Quebradillas

**Rhode Island**  
 Francis Kenyon, Wyoming

**South Carolina**  
 Sandy Edge, Conway  
 Lamar Fowler, Campobello  
 Raymond L. Galloway, Jr., Darlington

James P. Locklear, Jr., McColl  
 Mac McClure McGee, Anderson  
 Harry Waldrum Miller, Jr., Clarks Hill  
 Thomas Arthur Murdoch, Abbeville  
 Julian Thaddeus Murray, Florence  
 Jackie Thomas Rogers, Woodruff  
 Carl Edward Vereen, Burgess  
 James Liston Wells, Burgess

**South Dakota**  
 George Edgar Bauder, Scotland  
 Rolland Heiden, Clark  
 Merlyn D. Smeenk, Harrisburg

**Tennessee**  
 Jimmy R. Barger, Harriman  
 Edwin Ralph Brock, Jr., Cleveland  
 John N. Cross, Jr., Bluff City  
 George Ronald Davis, Charleston  
 Ritchie Neal Gwaltney, Hickman  
 Jerry D. Hale, McMinnville  
 Richard Woodward Hollon, Jr., Green Brier  
 Charles Thomas Huddleston, Sparta  
 John M. Jewell, Dayton  
 Benson Eugene King, Rutherford  
 Bill Ligon, Old Hickory  
 Charles Roberts, Dayton  
 Quindry Robertson, Castalian Springs  
 Tommy Ray Snead, Dayton  
 Johnny Howell Thompson, Niota  
 Jimmy Tosh, Henry  
 Robert Parker Waters, Decatur  
 Jerry Ray White, Huntingdon

**Texas**  
 Don Albrecht, Rio Vista  
 Larry Hugo Bausch, Bandera  
 Charles P. Beseda, Penelope  
 Terry G. Bradshaw, Ropesville  
 Terry Brandl, El Campo  
 Darrel Wayne Brown, Grapeland  
 William Harold Browning, Jr., Vega  
 Bob Clifton, Hamlin  
 Lawrence Dale Eckermann, New Ulm  
 Bill Fowler, Wildorado  
 Daryl Fromme, Odem  
 Vidal Gonzales, Jr., Eagle Pass  
 Mike Grisham, Huntsville  
 Robert F. Gruner, Canyon  
 Ronnie Hartman, Brownfield  
 Wayne Hildebrandt, Spring  
 Joe Hindes, Charlotte  
 Wayne Hinton, Jr., Sulphur Springs  
 Mike Howe, Gainesville  
 Wilburn Jonas, Fischer  
 Donald W. Koester, Brenham  
 Ira Fitzhugh Lee, Willow City

Larry Neal Lehman, Kyle  
 Jack C. Linney, Skidmore  
 Fred L. Luhn, Bellville  
 Clifton Mahon, Luling  
 George Vernon Martin, Brynum  
 John H. McLerran, Cameron  
 Dennis L. McWhorter, Bedias  
 Randy Montgomery, Cross Plains  
 John Lee Norman, Post  
 Dennis Joe Pharris, Hillsboro  
 Dickie Phillips, Van Vleck  
 Jerry Wayne Phillips, Call  
 Oscar C. Pickard, Scurry  
 Michael Dan Robinson, Hico  
 Johnie T. Scott, Skellytown  
 Charles Seidel, Jr., New Braunfels  
 Danny Singletary, Madisonville  
 Donald Smith, Colorado City  
 Taylor Strawn, Howe  
 Jimmy Strube, Wall  
 Claud Thomas, New Waverly  
 Walter C. Todd, II, Needville  
 Richard Michael Trotter, Olton  
 Zane K. Turner, Liberty  
 Joe K. Upchurch, Atlanta  
 Ward Graves Veale, Breckenridge  
 Glenn Wachsmann, Paige  
 William H. Winn, Charlotte

**Utah**

Ronald Jay Dalley, Nephi  
 Lynn Dean Kirkman, Clearfield  
 Curtis Lisle Parker, Hooper  
 Dennis Wight Poulsen,  
 Brigham City

**Vermont**

Norris David Brisson, Shoreham  
 Bernard Marcel Du Bois,  
 Vergennes

**Virginia**

Sammy Tarpley Ashworth,  
 Danville  
 Richard Neal Bailey, Danville  
 Donald Ray Bareford,  
 Tappahannock  
 Kenney Ford Barnard, Amelia  
 Dennis E. Clemmer, Middlebrook  
 Ronnie L. Dooley, Montvale  
 John Samuel Jennings, Gladys  
 Howard Byron Lester, Danville  
 Leland Keith Moyer, Amelia

A recommendation had been made to amend Article I, Section A, to read as follows: "The name of the organization shall be FFA. The letters 'FFA', shall be used to designate the organization, its units or members, thereof." No action was taken on this amendment.

It was moved by Hansen of New York; seconded by Palmer of New York that Article V, Section D, be amended by deleting the phrase "where State membership exceeds 500, not more than

Wilford Leslie Poore, Amelia  
 Charles Provost, Buchanan  
 William M. Stanley, Ashland  
 Lynwood Michael Talbert,  
 New River  
 Dwayne Yoder, Gladys

**Washington**

Kenneth R. Gronewald, Goldendale  
 Paul A. Harrel, Jr., Ellensburg  
 Clint Hoffman, Walla Walla  
 Myron R. Linstrum, Davenport  
 James A. Morrison, Quincy  
 William Dennis Roetcisoender,  
 Monroe  
 Gary A. Wollweber, Edwall

**West Virginia**

Timothy Bruce Allman, Jane Lew  
 Samuel R. Bean, Moorefield  
 Gregory Stephen Hurd,  
 Williamsburg  
 Gregory C. Lee, Aurora  
 Steven C. Linton, Martinsburg  
 Jackie Randall Yokum, Landes

**Wisconsin**

Kenneth Duane Clements,  
 Stoddard  
 Lonnie Marlin Conradt,  
 Clintonville  
 Kenneth L. Crawford, Jr., Oconto  
 Ronald E. Deiter, Cuba City  
 David E. Fahey, Belleville  
 Darrell Fenske, Markesan  
 David E. Gibbs, Fox Lake  
 James Haugerud, Deer Park  
 Geno D. Kirschbaum, Glen Haven  
 James Lester Krahn, Seymour  
 Gary Howard Leach, Menomonie  
 Terrance M. Mitchell,  
 New Richmond  
 Dale M. Moths, Kewaskum  
 John A. Mullen, Bloomer  
 Gerald R. Opelt, Neillsville  
 Robert Eugene Rademacher, Jr.,  
 DeForest  
 Ronald Schwenck, Malone

**Wyoming**

Gary Dean Albrandt, Shoshoni  
 Charles Ferguson, Cheyenne  
 Bob Nicol, Lander

2% of the total State membership may be elected (fractions counted to the nearest whole number)." so that it will read as follows: "Each State Association shall be entitled to elect at least ten qualified individuals annually." Motion failed.

It was moved by Dallas of New Mexico, seconded by Nickell of Missouri to rescind the motion to amend Article IV, Section B of the National FFA Constitution. After clarification of the motion by the parliamentarian, objection to consideration of the question passed 84 for, 18 against. Therefore, the delegate body did not consider the motion to rescind previous action on Article IV, Section B.

A question of information was asked and discussed relating to whether or not a State may restrict its membership to male students only. It was pointed out that any State-National conflict should be eliminated as soon as possible; furthermore, the State association receives its charter from the national organization, and that no provisions in the State Constitution be in conflict with the National Constitution, and that the Boards of National Officers and Directors would rule that a State would be in conflict.

It was moved by Kissler of Colorado; seconded by Bixler of South Dakota and carried that the Boards of National Officers and Directors develop and devise an official dress for female members of the organization and they report back to either the January Board meeting or the 1970 National Convention.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at four twenty-five o'clock.

**Thursday, October 16, 1969**  
**Evening Session**

(Prior to the opening session the FFA Talent Show, directed by Don Erickson, State Advisor from Bismarck, North Dakota, was held.)

The Seventh Session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at eight o'clock by President Hanlon.

Following music by the National Band, the four Regional Star Agri-Businessmen of America were announced and the 1969 Star Agri-Businessman of America was named. The parents of the Star Agri-Businessmen were appropriately recognized.

Past Chairmen, members of the Governing Council and Regional Chairmen of the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, 25 year sponsors and 15 year sponsors were called to the platform and introduced. Recognition was given to all sponsors to the Foundation, after which special plaques were presented to the twenty-five and fifteen year sponsors to the Foundation.

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**Smith Harvestore Products, Inc. ,A. O.**  
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**Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, The**

Donald Danforth, Jr., Executive Vice President of Ralston Purina Company, and 1969 Chairman of the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, was introduced and presented with a special plaque in appreciation of his services as Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee. After a brief address the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon him.

Samuel W. White, Jr., President, White Farm Equipment, White Motor Corporation, was introduced and gave a brief greeting. Mr. White will serve as 1970 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

The 1969 Regional Star American Farmers were introduced, and the movie "The 1969 Star Farmers" was shown.

Following the Massing of State Flags by the Star State Farmers, the Regional Star American Farmer Awards were presented. The parents and wives of the Star Farmers were appropriately recognized. After the introduction of the Star Agri-Businessman and Star Farmer judges, the 1969 Star Farmer of America was announced.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at eleven o'clock.

**Friday, October 17, 1969**

**Morning Session**

The Eighth Session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at nine o'clock by President Hanlon.

Vice President Martinez assumed the chair.

A number of international guests in attendance were introduced and Honorary Membership in the FFA conferred on them. FFA members who participated in the FFA Work Experience Abroad Tours in Europe were then introduced and presented plaques.

Muela of California presented the report of the International Program of Activities Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Hickman of North Carolina and carried.

Vice President Weber assumed the chair.

Vice President Martinez presented an address on "To Sin by Silence." Zagger of California moved to commend Vice President Martinez for his outstanding service as a national officer and for a very inspirational retiring address; motion seconded by Zitterkopf of Nebraska and carried.

Vice President Martinez assumed the chair.

John Lacey, Program Officer, Division of Vocational and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education, Colorado, announced the top judging winners in Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Meats and Dairy Products.

President Hanlon resumed the chair.

Arthur Godfrey, Radio and Television Celebrity, was introduced and addressed the convention. Mr. Godfrey was then presented with a trophy in appreciation for his participation in the convention.

It was moved by Shaw of Oklahoma; seconded by Traeger of Nebraska that the 1969 delegate body go on record as being in favor of giving Mr. Godfrey a vote of thanks and confidence for his challenging and inspirational address. It was moved by Bailey of Virginia; seconded by Sheely of Arizona to amend the motion by adding the words that, "we, the delegates, go on record as pledging ourselves, the Future Farmers of America, toward reaching the goals as outlined by Mr. Godfrey in his address." The motion as amended was carried.

The Honorable Clifford M. Hardin, Secretary of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, was introduced and addressed the convention, after which the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon him. Senator Dole of Kansas was recognized along with other platform guests.

Bankhead of California presented a proposed National FFA Officers' Creed and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Bishop of Texas and carried. The Creed follows:

I believe in the Future Farmers of America with a faith born not of words but of deeds; achievements won by past generations of officers and members in the promise of a better organization through sacrifice and service.

I believe that to have been elected to an office of the national organization is truly a challenge as well as an honor, for I know that my fellow members have confidence in me and will expect me to arise to any situation. Even in hours of discouragement, this confidence I will not deny.

I believe in leadership from our officers and cooperation from members to serve our organization and the national interests in the harmoniously with my fellow officers; and, in the ability of organized members to serve our organization and the National interests in the establishment of our goals. I believe that we can attain those goals only if our methods and policies are fair.

I believe in less dependence upon the advisor and more initiative from members, in an abundance of ideas and a wealth of sincere effort and hard work to help make them realities; in less need for encouragement, and more of it when needed; in being enthusiastic myself, and setting an example for those whose enthusiasm depends upon me.

I believe that our organizations can and will hold true to the best traditions in our educational system and, as a national officer, I can exert an influence upon the members that will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

Holland of Tennessee read the following resolution and moved its adoption by the delegates at the 42nd National Convention; motion seconded by Comegys of Delaware and carried:

"WHEREAS, we, the delegates, to the Forty-Second annual convention have voted to allow all students of vocational agriculture to become members of the FFA;

"WHEREAS, we therefore have expressed our belief that all individuals are created equal and should have equal opportunities;

"WHEREAS, we also feel that only those who have competed on an equal basis and earned national recognition should be highly honored at our national convention; be it therefore

"RESOLVED, that we, the delegates, gathered here today, feel that the introduction of the first active female members to participate in the national FFA activities and the atmosphere and publicity thus associated with these events, be recognized as over-dramatized presentations and should not be taken as precedence set for following female participation, that instead FFA members, girls and boys, should be treated and honored equally."

Sarpalius of Texas moved that Vice President Catlett be commended for his outstanding work as a National FFA Officer; motion seconded by Dallas of New Mexico and carried.

Members of the Nominating Committee were introduced, after which Beverly of South Carolina presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Nickell of Missouri and carried. It was moved by Stewart of Oregon, seconded by Baumann of Washington and carried that the

slate of candidates submitted by the committee be elected by acclamation of the delegate body.

J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, gave an explanation of the 1970-71 National FFA Budget. Krantz of Wisconsin moved the acceptance of Mr. Campbell's report; motion seconded by Woodward of Florida and carried.

Hall of Maryland moved that the National FFA Dues remain at \$1.00 per member; motion seconded by Okes of West Virginia and carried.

Engle of Wyoming moved that the Boards of National Officers and Directors be given authority to edit all committee reports; motion seconded by Harrington of Connecticut and carried.

It was moved by Lee of Alabama that the Boards of National Officers and Directors be given authority to transact any business that may occur during the interim between conventions; motion seconded by Alexander of Mississippi and carried.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony at twelve noon.

### Friday, October 17, 1969

#### Evening Session

(Prior to the opening ceremony, the FFA Talent Show was held.)

The final session of the convention was called to order with the opening ceremony at seven fifteen o'clock.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem Awards were presented to talent that participated in the national convention.

Following music by the National FFA Band, a Special Presentation of the U. S. flag and the FFA flag was held.

Edwards of Texas presented the report of the Convention Program Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Buck of Illinois and carried.

Lewis of North Carolina presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Hoover of Pennsylvania and carried.

Vice President Johnson assumed the chair.

President Hanlon gave an address on "In the Year 2525." It was moved by Johns of Oregon; seconded by Porter of Hawaii and carried that President Hanlon be commended for his inspiring address and for his outstanding leadership as National President.

President Hanlon resumed the chair.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the fathers of the national officers and special certificates pre-

sented to their mothers. Special plaques were presented to the officers' local advisors. Advisor Hunsicker then presented the officers with their special service plaques.

The newly elected officers were installed in a very impressive and colorful ceremony. National officer pins were presented to each of the past officers. Harry Birdwell, newly elected president, presented Jeff Hanlon with the gavel he used to open the convention. The new president extended greetings.

"Hail the FFA" was presented by the National Band and Chorus.

The final session of the convention adjourned sine die at eight fifty-five o'clock with the closing ceremony by the new officers.

Following the closing ceremony, special entertainment was furnished by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

# National Officer Addresses

## In the Year 2525

By: JEFF HANLON, *National President*

As I was being introduced this evening you heard our organist play a song that he has played several times during this convention. A song that I am sure most of you have heard many times outside this convention hall, as it was ranked near the top of the pop hit list throughout most of this past summer. A song that I believe is an example of what I heard, read, and saw so many times during my travels as your National President.

In case you are on the far side of the generation gap and aren't a regular customer of the rock and roll stations, or if you just don't recognize the tune, let me refresh your memory. The song is entitled "In The Year 2525" and is sung by Zager and Evans.

So that I might illustrate a personal thought of mine I would like to take a moment to remind you of the song's lyrics. It begins by saying,

"In the year 2525, if man is still alive,  
if woman can survive, They may find . . ."

After questioning man's mere existence in the year 2525 Zager and Evans peer into their gloomy crystal ball and proceed by singing,

"In the year 3535, ain't gonna need to tell the truth,  
tell no lies.

Everything you think, do, and say is in the pill you took  
today.

In the year 4545, ain't gonna need your teeth, won't need  
your eyes. You won't find a thing to chew, nobody's gonna  
look at you.

In the year 5555, your arms hangin' limp at your side,  
Your legs got nothin' to do, some machine is doin' that for you.  
In the year 6565, ain't gonna need no hubsand, won't need  
no wife. You'll pick your son, pick your daughter too, from  
the bottom of a long glass tube."

Zager and Evans continue with their prophecy of doom until they reach their climax by saying,

"In the year 9595, I'm kinda wonderin' if man is gonna be  
alive. . ."

This is an example of the musical entertainment we "enjoy" daily. May I also relate to you some of the philosophy found on America's colleges and universities. One month ago the President



of Yale University, Kingman Brewster, Jr., greeted his 1250 incoming freshmen with what sounded like a gloomy paraphrasing of the song "In The Year 2525." Brewster spoke of "politics dominated by string-pulling interest groups;" of an economy "dominated by conglomerate giants." Brewster said that "the ancient faith in the competition of ideas in the free marketplace seems like a hollow echo" of the past. And he further relates that "it is not easy to sustain the American ideal that success is primarily related to effort . . ."

This is the picture that may be painted for you, fellow Future Farmers, on your first day at college.

As a final illustration let me share with you a reading from a publication on leadership of youth groups. This particular reading supposedly comes under the heading of vespers and inspirational programs, and it sounds much like the religious version of the fatalistic, "In The Year 2525." It is entitled "Reverse Creation."

In the end man destroyed the heaven that was called Earth, and Man said, "Let there be darkness," and there was darkness; then Man called his darkness, "security" and there was no morning nor evening on the seventh day before the end.

Then man said, "Let us create a strong government to control us in our darkness and let us hunt down those who speak the truth at home and abroad because we must have our security." And there was no evening nor morning on the sixth day before the end.

Then man said, "Let us create pep pills, and goof balls, and tranquilizers, and LSD and all kinds of escapes; we're disturbed by reality—it upsets our security." And there was no evening nor morning on the fourth day before the end.

Then man said, "Let us create God in our own image lest some other God compete with us, let us say God thinks as we think and hates as we hate, and kills as we kill." And there was no evening nor morning on the day before the end.

On the last day there was a great noise on the face of the earth, and fire consumed the beautiful globe, and there was silence. The blackened earth rested to worship the one true God. Then God saw all that we had done and in that silence He wept . . .

A selection from a publication on "leadership" of youth groups. A modern "welcome" to Yale University. Musical "entertainment" that fills the air of our homes and cars.

Is it any surprise that last school year we saw students in open and violent rebellion on the campus of Columbia University? Is it any wonder that just two months ago over 400,000 hippies escaped to the murky haze of drugs at the Woodstock outdoor rock and roll festival in New York? Is it really so shocking that so many are finding reason to condemn young people for their attitude toward America and its future?

What are we to expect? No matter where the young people turn they are bombarded with a barrage of bitter pessimism, a prophecy of doom, a crystal ball that says man cannot survive until the year 2525. Our morning newspaper, our hit records, a publication specifically for leadership of youth groups carrying a so-called inspirational message, even the educators on the campuses of America's leading universities; all tell us that life has deteriorated. All shroud their remarks with pessimism and hopelessness. All seems to be saying that existence is hardly worth the effort any longer. Encouraging, isn't it?

Let's apply this same atmosphere of hopelessness to the Future Farmers of America and see what happens. Let's imagine, if we can, where Boyd Joe Spencer, 1968 Star Farmer of America, would be today if he had been surrounded by such pessimism. Let's imagine that on Joe's first day as a freshman in the vocational agriculture classroom his vo-ag teacher approaches him and says, "Joe, the agricultural industry is in terrible shape and it's getting worse every year. There are so many problems I just can't see any future in it." Or if he said, "Joe, I don't know about this FFA stuff. This chapter's treasury is getting thin, these girls want to become FFA members, we won't be able to rent the chapter farm again next year. I just don't know what we're going to do." Or if his teacher had said, "Joe, you can't become Star Farmer of America. This chapter has never had a Star Farmer before. Right now you only have two Hereford calves, and beside that there are 450,000 other members in this organization. There is just no way you could ever become Star Farmer of America." That would be an encouraging beginning, wouldn't it?

Well, obviously that is not what Boyd Joe Spencer heard that first day in class. What he was probably told was that he only had two calves, that there were 450,000 other FFA members who would like to become Star Farmer, that the odds were overwhelmingly against him, but if he worked at it every day, if he cared for his stock, if he kept accurate records, if he constantly tried to improve and expand his herd, if he became active in his chapter activities, then maybe, just maybe, he would find success in the FFA. And you know, it's a funny thing. Boyd Joe Spencer wouldn't let other people's pessimism discourage him. He refused to set up in the grumbling business. He solved his problems, he beat those odds, he became Star Farmer of America.

So perhaps by looking at Boyd Joe Spencer we can see what an attitude of realistic optimism can achieve. And perhaps by looking at the chaos of San Francisco State College or the uselessness of Greenwich Village we can see how harmful this hopeless grumbling can be.

Robert West had an interesting saying about people who are continual grumblers. He was quoted as saying, "nothing is easier than fault finding. No talent, no self denial, no brains are required to set up in the grumbling business." And yet this seems to have

become a pretty popular business lately. We seem to be plagued with individuals who insist on constantly kicking ourselves. These are the people who continually find something wrong with America. These are the people who walk around in a cloud of pessimism because we have not yet achieved absolute perfection. Well, maybe these people should take a vacation from grumbling long enough to examine the following quotation. "Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders, and love chatter in place of exercise. They no longer rise when others enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble their food, and tyrannize their teachers . . ."

That sounds like a good saleable product of the modern day grumbling business, doesn't it? Or perhaps the editorial on the CBS Evening News? Well, that quotation, my friends, was written by a gentleman named Socrates, some 2400 years ago.

What this indicates is that perhaps our age of pessimism is not justified. Perhaps our problems are not so new and critical. Perhaps some of these very same problems existed 2400 years ago and in reality they are merely problems of human nature. And human nature is not, never has been, and never will be perfect.

And what we, as young people should remember is that in spite of these imperfections in human nature the fact of the matter is that our country and its people have been achievers. We have come closer to that state of perfection than any of our ancestors, and America is now symbolic of 5000 years of upward struggle. The United States has provided a higher standard of living for a greater number of people than ever before. The United States offers the greatest opportunity ever to "do your own thing," to achieve your own success. The United States is the first nation in the history of the world to declare your personal rights supreme over the rights of any government. America, fellow Future Farmers, is the greatest nation that has ever existed on the face of the earth.

And it will become even greater if we but proceed with realistic optimism. We must, of course, recognize the problems that we as a nation face. Nobody is suggesting that we ignore the obstacles in America's future. But if we are to continue to overcome these obstacles and solve these problems we are going to have to approach them with undying vigor, a keen understanding of human nature, and limitless optimism. And we must always remember that America has a heritage of winning, and it's up to us to strengthen that heritage.

As I retire as your National President, may I leave you with my musical answer to Zager and Evan's song "In The Year 2525." We don't often hear it on our rock and roll stations, as it is a little

older than most pop hits. As a matter of fact you might call it a classic. It's entitled "America, the Beautiful."

O beautiful for spacious skies  
 For amber waves of grain,  
 For purple mountain majesties  
 Above the fruited plain!  
 O beautiful for patriot dream  
 That sees beyond the years  
 Thine alabaster cities gleam  
 Undimmed by human tears  
 America! America!  
 God shed His grace on thee  
 And crown thy good with brotherhood  
 From sea to shining sea!

Fellow Future Farmers, as long as there are thousands of young men like yourselves I am optimistic, I am convinced that this is the song we'll be singing in the year 2525.

### I am Third

By: JERRY BATTS, *National Secretary*

There was once a man who had a dream and in that dream he thought he was to live only seven days. If you had only seven days to live, how would you live them? How did this man begin? He began to get ready. He did *all* in his power each day. He came to the seventh day, and he came near the end of day. But all at once it was made known to him that he wasn't to die. He looked around and was glad, but he said, "Some seven days will be my last seven," and he lived *everyday* as though he were in his last!

All of us will live our last seven days in the future, and may even be there soon. Are we making the most of today?

Fellow members, we must believe in today, for it is all we have. Value the past in only that it makes the life today better and freer. *Everything* depends on the present—even tomorrow.

Let us determine to contribute our talents and energies to improving our world for all mankind. Each one determines what he gets out of life. We have been assigned tools and it is up to the individual as to what he does with those tools given him. For we must remember



the words of R. C. Sharp: "Isn't it strange that princes and kings and clowns that caper in sawdust rings and common people like you and me

All are children of destiny.  
Each is given a bag of tools,  
A shapeless mass, a book of rules  
And each must make ere life has flown  
A stumbling block or stepping stone."

Each bag of tools is different, for everyone does not have the same talents. However, there is one tool that is included for every person. That one is encouragement—that tool we can use to cheer our fellow men on to greater heights.

That tool has been used by so many on me, for if it were not for the encouragement of others, I would not be standing here. We all need to put this tool to use to help others push onward.

A child was in a house in which a fire was raging away up in the fourth story. The child came to the window, and as the flames were shooting up higher and higher, she cried for help. A fireman started up the ladder. The wind swept the flames near him, and it was getting so hot that he wavered and almost slipped to his death. Thousands looked on, and their hearts quaked at the thought of the child having to perish in the flames. Someone in the crowd cried, "Give him a cheer!" Cheer after cheer went up, and as the man heard, he gathered fresh courage. Up he went into the midst of the smoke and the fire, and brought down the child in safety.

Let us never fail to use the tool of encouragement. *Cheer on* that FFA member who is working so hard to obtain his goal. *Never* criticize and grumble, for as Theodore Roosevelt wrote, "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

Let us determine to get involved in the FFA—to dare greatly to improve ourselves, and by improving ourselves—serve our fellow men. Because our organization believes in and practices service to others and putting others above ourselves.

There was a young man in college named Charles who was an outstanding student in every way. He was active in many campus organizations and an honor student. On his bulletin board he placed these words, "I am third." His friends often inquired of him what they meant and his reply was always the same: "I will tell you when I graduate."

The day of graduation came and he graduated with highest honors, was Student Body President, and had a long list of honors and accomplishments. His friends remembered that he would explain the words, "I am third."

"Well," Charles began, "It means just what it says. For in first place I put God, in second place others, and then me. Yes, I am third."

What a motto! What a challenge for us! Fellow members, today, at this very moment the world is ours to chart our own course and determine our own destinies. I challenge you to make today count and live a life of service to God and to your fellow man.

"For life is the mirror of king and slave  
Tis just what we are and do  
Then give to the world  
The best you have,  
And the best will come back to you."

Madeline Bridges

May God bless you.

### From Where I Stand

By: TOM JOHNSON, *National FFA Vice President*  
Central Region

Such words as opportunity, ability, fear and decision have both blessed and plagued man from the beginning of time. One of man's greatest, yet most dangerous powers is that of choice. We face it from birth to death. We spend our entire lives making choices. But none are more important than those we make early in life.



It is said that the morning is the time for preparation, the noontime the time for achievement, and the evening is the time for reward, and between those golden years of youth and those golden years of retirement are the nickel plated years where the work must be done.

Our time for preparation is rapidly coming to an end. We are approaching those nickel plated years of work — the noontime of our lives. What will constitute those years? Will our lives be filled with security, wealth, possessions and other material things? Or, will our life be dedicated to a cause that gives the greatest satisfaction in life—service to others?

Service to others may not be the most rewarding occupation financially, but you sure can't beat its retirement benefits!

A very good friend of mine was in search of his first job. He was being interviewed by a very large company with headquarters in New York City. The man doing the interview was looking at my friend's background and noting such things as activities and achievements. He came across the lines that read State FFA President and National FFA President, and read them aloud. My friend, being very proud of those sat up a little straighter in his chair and felt pretty good that the interviewer would be so impressed. But then, the fellow stopped, looked up and said, "So what! What did you accomplish while you were State and National President?"

All of a sudden, it didn't matter at all that he had been an officer of the FFA. What mattered was what did he accomplish during that time!

I stood on a street the other day,  
Watching the workers across the way,  
On a building, rising floor on floor,  
In the midst of a city's rush and roar.  
Daily I saw the structure rise,  
'Til it towered aloft toward the vaulted skies;  
And the workmen were proud of the job they'd done—  
Men who were builders—every one.  
I mused as I looked at that building high,  
Which a business firm would soon occupy;  
Thinking how all of us—day by day,  
Are builders too, along life's way;  
Steadily building, you and me,  
The kind of a world that we'd like to see—  
Each of us striving to win success.  
We may not labor with wood or stone,  
And each must tackle his task alone,  
With a faith sublime in the work we do,  
We face our problems and see them through.  
And whether we've lost or whether we've won,  
Depends on the kind of a job we've done!

In the parable of the talents, Jesus tells of the man who, going on a journey, delivered his goods to his servants to invest for him. To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another—one; to every man according to his ability.

Two of these servants lit a candle. They invested the talents that had been entrusted to them. The other, in fear, cursed the darkness. He hid what he had. The law of life, however, proved to be true. Those who had and produced, received abundance. The one who also had, but failed to use it and hid it, lost what he had.

Very few of us are five talented people. Most of us are like the man in the middle, that is, two talent folk. We are not famous and the world will probably not long remember us or what we did.

We can, however, use what we now have, where we now are and be productive. For it is not the number we have, but how well we use them that finally counts.

We have a choice! Will we dedicate our lives to building castles in the air or in building the lives of our fellow man through unselfish service. The service of a train is limited to its tracks. The service of a boat is limited to the boundaries of the water and the service of an airplane is limited by both federal regulations and by the availability of landing and takeoff facilities. But the service of a man is limited only to his desire!

We are a great nation, we are a great people, but we are not as great in either catagory as we might be. We are living in such a fast moving society. Man is able to fly through the air like a bird faster than the speed of sound. Man is able to go through water like a fish, but man is yet unable to walk on earth like a man. What a great country and what a beautiful world we could have if everyone in this auditorium would dare to lead the charge for brotherhood and cooperation among our fellow man.

From my travels through many States and my visits with Future Farmers during the past year, I have little doubt that our country can and will rekindle that olde spirit of national unity and endeavor. From where I stand this hour, I see before me the finest group of young people assembled anywhere. In knowing what the FFA stands for, its aims and purposes, and in the meaning of the blue and gold, I see a group of young people who can truly alter the course of history and change the destiny of our nation.

Future Farmers is our name—serving others is our aim. The FFA is often referred to as a service organization. But, the FFA can do no more than its membership. The FFA is composed of people, and only people can serve and be served. Each member is a world citizen with grassroots in his community. It is vitally important that each of us be interested in and involved with church, school and community activities.

We should never let the fact that being young people should stand in our way of being informed and active citizens. We must remember that, age is as age does! Our generation is being examined very critically and judged as never before. Many say that the world is going to the dogs. Often the problems appear insurmountable, but it was also ridiculous for David to fight Goliath, nonsense for Columbus to search a new route to the Far East, and foolish for the Wright brothers to even dream of flying, but suppose they hadn't even tried! The actual is limited, but the possible immense! It's performance that counts!

It was said of the last 35th President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower: He served his generation well, served his country well, and above all, served his God well.

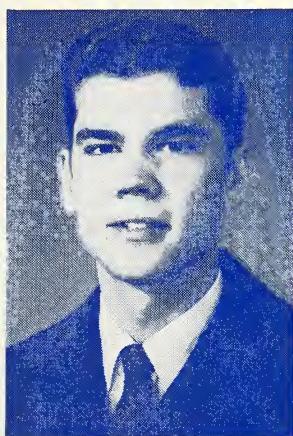
No man is an island, entire unto himself. Each has a definite responsibility to himself, to his generation and to his country.

Paraphrasing a well known quote, "When the Great Scorekeeper comes to mark against our name, it will not be what we have won or what we have lost, but how we have played the game." It is not our ability alone, but rather our sincerity of service that counts. Light a candle and make someone's darkness turn to light. It will be a good investment for you and a help for someone else.

### The Rising Son

By: GLENN WEBER, *National Vice President*  
North Atlantic Region

We have all heard so much about the "Rising Sun" as an emblem in the FFA. At the daws of each day the sun's rays come breaking through the horizon, bringing with them the hope and joy of a new day. Everybody's been talking about the "Rising Sun" as a token of a new era in agriculture. Recently, I've come to discover the true "Rising Sun" which does not appear on the FFA emblem as a token, but rather it is that new era. I am speaking today of the "Rising Son" — S-O-N — you who have accepted the responsibilities and challenges that the FFA has to offer and that face the young people of this country. I salute you who are the "Rising Sons" of our generation.



Not long ago, in a leading newspaper, there appeared the tragic account of a young boy nearing his death by drowning a short distance from shore. As the boy struggled frantically, his shouts for help were completely ignored by the crowd that had gathered on shore. Off to the left, an old man began to take his shoes off in preparation for the rescue. One of the bystanders walked over and asked: "What are you doing?" And just before diving, the old man paused and said, "Somebody's got to — somebody's got to." Although the boy was rescued, the old man never spoke another word. The incident is history now, but the lesson still echoes clearly to each of us, "Somebody's got to do it." As I travelled this past year, I found thousands of youth answering this challenge, accepting the responsibilities and opportunities afforded to all of us.

I found the future scientist at work in the agriculture laboratory, testing soils, the future businessman planning to expand his FFA enterprise; the inventor building and experimenting with new labor saving devices in the farm shop; the leaders of tomorrow serving as officers in the FFA. The "Rising Son" is answering the challenge of the Old Man, accepting the responsibilities that face our generation.

Can you imagine the impact the "Rising Sons" of past generations had on our Nation's history. Just as the FFA member experiments with his new idea in the shop, so did Orville and Wilbur Wright experiment with their new invention that changed the course of America's entire history. How different our life today might be if back around 1900 Orville used the excuse, "Oh come on Wilbur don't waste your time trying to fly. Nobody else is doing it. It's too much trouble." Or, perhaps an FFA member planning his work experience program might relate to J. C. Penney planning his business enterprise. What if Mr. Penney, after a hard day's work had said, "Nobody else is working so hard, taking so much responsibility, why should I?" But, Mr. Penney, too, was a "Rising Son" of his day. And, at the dawn of each day he was determined to "Beat yesterday."

Or perhaps your leadership today is symbolic of the Father of our Country. What would have happened to this nation if George Washington said, "Martha, I don't care who needs a president, I'm too busy." But George Washington answered the call, accepted the responsibility of leading our young nation.

Just as these great men and many others were the "Rising Sons" of their respective generations, I am proud of you who claim that title today. But you who are the "Rising Sons" may not be remembered for your contribution and achievements as were the Wright Brothers or George Washington. But you can share that same feeling of satisfaction in knowing you have accepted the challenge, grasp the opportunity, and now you claim the same title of "Rising Son."

And this is why, among all the vital issues facing the FFA and the young people of this country today, I have a renewed confidence that both will continue to grow stronger as a result of the efforts of the "Rising Sons." I salute each of you.

As I close, I leave with you one final test that will tell how well you have accepted your responsibility and answered the challenges of our generation. It's a personal test, expressed in the words of this poem:

When you get what you want in your struggle for self  
And the world makes you King for a day  
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself  
And see what that man has to say  
For it isn't your Father or Mother or Wife  
whose judgment upon you must pass  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life  
is the one staring back from the glass  
You may be like Jack Horner and chisel a plum  
And think you're a wonderful guy  
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum—if  
you can't look him straight in the eye.  
He's the fellow to please never mind all the rest  
For he's with you clear up to the end

And you've passed your most dangerous and difficult test  
If the man in the glass is your friend.  
You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years  
And get pats on the back as you pass  
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears  
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

### To Sin By Silence

By: JOE MARTINEZ, *National Vice President*  
Pacific Region

As I stand before this assembly, I look to a new horizon of leadership in the FFA. The past has seen many changes and should serve as a foundation for our future. As your elected leaders, WE national officers have tried to gear our actions to be relevant to the needs of *you* individual FFA members. We have devoted many hours to reviewing and implementing the ideas and aims that have been expressed at State conventions, throughout the nation. In my travels, I have seen a world of people, eager to share their creative thinking. Josiah Royce once commented:—

“Thinking is like living and dying.

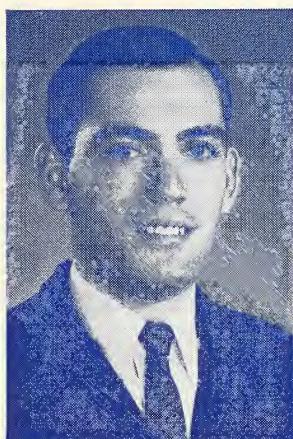
Each of us has to do it for himself.” As your national officers, WE have tried to make this one of our prime objectives.

Mere rhetoric is not enough we have learned. —If each of *you* is to achieve some measure of success you too must do your own thinking. Likewise, if we in the

FFA are to affect worthwhile positive changes in our organization, we must think for ourselves.

All too often people display timidity and allow themselves to be coerced into being servants of an ideology which is not their own. Look at America at this very moment! Review carefully the student unrest of the past few months and days. Under the pretext of examining the problems which confront our nation some people have been led to *accept*, without question, the beliefs of a minority. Under the pretense of individualism, many young people have acted without giving careful attention to the real issues at hand. —Our nation was built by individuals who *grasped* each problem as a challenge. These men believed in America and the American spirit.

Have you looked carefully at the word American. Notice the last four letters, they spell I Can. Notice it says I can, an individual can.



Abraham Lincoln once said:

*"To Sin by Silence when they should speak out, makes cowards of men!"*

It appears from the attention they receive on TV and in the newspapers, that we have forces in our nation who are speaking out. But, who are they speaking for, it is for you and me, for the FFA? How much longer will men of good conscience stand by and watch the proceedings with indifference? Let's not be fooled by the peddlers of gloom and doom, *nor* those who advocate doing nothing. Moreover, never forget that one sick person does not make for a sick society. No man improves his own station in life when another does for him *what he* rightly should and *is* capable of doing *for himself*. Of what *use* is our leadership training if it lays dormant and we do not put it to use?

We in the FFA have long been noted as being youth who believe in the dignity of labor and in their ability to think clearly and honestly with such knowledge as they can secure. We FFA members can air our views in meetings and conventions. We can also demonstrate the leadership developed in the FFA, because of the learn by doing philosophy. The silent majority can ill afford to sit idly by. We must think for ourselves and accumulate facts and information in order to make intelligent decisions. It is the dawn of the day when all of us in agriculture must stand up and speak *out*. Let's all be for something and not only against. The time has come to propose instead of merely opposing. Instead of letting others make our decisions for us, agriculture must determine now what is best for all of agriculture, and then as a united front pursue its goals. Let all of us, youth and adults, step above petty and negative views, —be thankful for the great freedoms we enjoy, and then go all out to seek higher goals than we've ever reached before. There's too much at stake to do anything *less*.

What should you speak out for? Speak out for what is right, stand with people who represent what is right. If you wish some guidelines for life, —may I suggest the Bible, —the Constitution, —and our own FFA Creed.

It seems all too soon for this year to end. One chapter in the book of my life is rapidly reaching its climax. The past and present in my life stand out quite vividly at this moment. Time which mellows memories can not really lessen the gratitude I now feel. Nor can time allow me to forget the heritage which is mine. Two persons very near to me craved the true values of self esteem and democracy found in America. Their struggles in coming to this country have helped to mold me. To me this moment serves as testimony that no matter who you are, *you* can succeed if you believe as I do that *one of our basic rights* is that of striving to be *better than average*. All of us have had falls, but it is through courage that the fallen rise to new heights. We must cultivate the desire to excel—a spirit of I CAN.

If, during this year, I have been vocal on issues facing the FFA, it has been because of my desire to represent YOU. FFA members throughout the nation have *amazed me* with their sincere concerns and desire to be better than average. *You have inspired me as no written or spoken word is capable of doing.* The FFA has given much to you and me. In contrast the FFA has made few demands on most of us. The FFA is much like a ladder, and each rung serves as a base to rest a member's foot long enough to prepare him to place the other higher.

This journey begins with that first step and it is my time to reach for the next rung. You can use this convention, that next FFA meeting, contest or agriculture class as your first step, BUT you too must reach higher. Never forsake your agricultural background! Agricultural experience is an asset in many occupations and often a passport to early establishment into a chosen profession.

For me there is no doubt about the Future. Richard L. Evans spoke for me when he said:

"All men have the God given right to think and believe as they will, and all men have the God given responsibility to render an accounting sometime, somewhere for those things which they choose to think and believe."

*I now commit my strengths and future to furthering the truths I have learned in the FFA and to improving the world around me. In becoming a spokesman for our agricultural profession. To never fail to recognize the truth and to never Sin by Silence!!*

May the majesty of the Lord touch your lives.

### National Officers' Highlights of the Year

By: JERRY BATTs, *National Secretary*

For we must share, if we would keep  
That blessing from above  
Ceasing to give, we cease to have  
Such is the law of love.

This year we six officers have been fortunate to enjoy many wonderful experiences and it is only appropriate that we share some of the highlights with you, for you are the ones who have made this past year possible.

Certainly, we must thank those who have done so much to make this year as meaningful as it has been. We thank God for giving us this opportunity, for giving us health to carry out our duties and protecting us in our travels.

Mr. Gray, thank you "Coach," for your dedicated interest and guidance during this year and for your willingness to help in anyway at any time. Mr. Hunsicker, we appreciate your concern and

loyal efforts for FFA, and we are challenged by your optimistic and enthusiastic faith in the youth of America. The National Staff, Board of Directors, and many more have inspired us by their sincere service to FFA, and by their encouragement and assistance during this year. To you our fellow FFA members, a special "thank you" for giving us the privilege of serving you. Without you, it would not have been possible. It is our prayer that our lives may reflect all those untiring efforts of many who strive to build better men in order that we might have a better world.

As we walked upon this stage one year ago, we were filled with mixed emotions—that of extreme joy and also that of great humility. Thus, we began a trek that seems at times to have taken us through a "fantasyland."

Our first meeting was one of briefing with the past officers, and then we marched down the streets of Kansas City leading the American Royal Parade and eagerly looking forward to the coming year. We had our first inkling of what was ahead in two days of orientation in Kansas City before departing for home.

After the convention Tom got the "ball rolling" so to speak as he represented the FFA at the Safety Congress in Chicago and the Grange Convention in Peoria. Joe made an International jaunt to Colombia and Panama where he provided inspiration as well as assistance with Future Farmer activities.

In December, Lowell journeyed here to Kansas City to attend the Farm Bureau Convention, while Jeff attended the NFD Meeting in St. Louis, and the AVA Convention in Dallas. With the coming of the New Year, we six officers met in Washington, D. C. for leadership training and Board of Directors meetings. Prior to departing on the 22nd Annual Goodwill Tour, we met with Senators and Congressmen at the Capitol. Our Goodwill Tour took us into 18 cities and 14 states, giving us one of the greatest experiences of our lives, as we met with leaders of business and industry, learning more about them and pointing out that FFA was an opportunity for youth. The FFA is greatly indebted to these fine supporters for inspiration, interest and assistance.

After the tour, we departed in separate directions and had the honor of attending all 50 State Conventions, meeting and talking with fellow members, and making life-long friends. Also learning about your State activities as well as fulfilling our role of giving service to members and states.

During the months we attended State Conventions, we also represented the FFA at national meetings. Tom did a fine job at the Youth Power Conference in Chicago and the Office Education Association here in Kansas City. Glenn was busy at the Youth Leaders Forum in New York, the Chamber of Commerce Meeting in Washington, and the DECA Convention in New Jersey. Joe

managed to represent FFA at the International Agricultural Exchange Association meeting in Alberta, Canada. Jeff attended the Triumph of Agriculture Exposition in Omaha, Western Farmers Association in Seattle, and the Western Jersey Association in Salem. Lowell, after traveling in Texas and Old Mexico representing FFA, did a noble job at the VICA Convention in Memphis—while Jeff attended the Agricultural Education Conference in Portland, Glenn represented FFA at the Tri-State Planning Conference in Massachusetts, and I was in Columbia, South Carolina for a Beautification Conference.

In June and July we had the opportunity to be in Washington to participate in three Chapter Presidents' Leadership and Citizenship Conferences and the National Leadership and Citizenship Conference for State Officers. These were not the only leadership conferences available to members, for 37 states were reached at several Regional Conferences and four other states had National Officers assisting them in leadership training. Truly this had been a golden year for members to participate in leadership and citizenship development activities.

Prior to departing Washington in early August we again had Board of Directors meetings and also the Foundation Sponsoring Committee meeting where we renewed many friendships made on the Goodwill Tour.

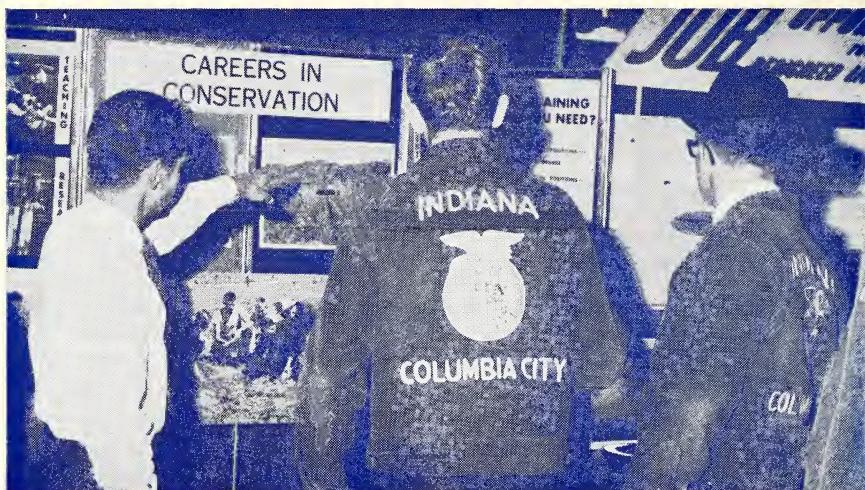
Since this time, many meetings have been attended by your officers. Tom has been busy with the National Agricultural Youth Institute in Lincoln, Junior Achievement in Indiana and served as co-chairman of AIC. Jeff attended the National Institute Organization in Vocational-Technical Education held in New Jersey. Jeff became a casualty to a kicking Hereford, and Glenn and I joined in a tour of the New England States, leadership activities and speaking at service clubs before participating in impressive ceremonies at the Eastern States Exposition. Joe addressed the Farm Industrial Equipment Institute in San Francisco, Lowell was busy working with Texas officers and I attended Camp Miniwanca where I met many FFA officers and later spoke for FFA at the Mid-South Fair in Memphis.

We have spoken at 96 chapter banquets, made 91 chapter visits and addressed over 40 service clubs.

This has only sketched our year and briefly covered some of our meetings. In everything we did, every place we visited, we did our best to represent you and tell the FFA story. It is a magnificent story. We realize that much more could have been done and more must be done in the future. We have served fellow members who look forward to the challenges of the unknown and who meet obstacles and overcome defeats. Thank you for the memories of the past and in your faces I see your tremendous faith in the

FFA. A faith that has made and will continue to make this one of the greatest organizations in the world. Because:

No vision and you perish  
No ideal and you are lost  
Your heart must ever cherish  
Some faith at any cost.  
God Bless you.



AGRICULTURAL CAREER SHOW

The Agricultural Career Show is an important part of each National FFA Convention. Over forty Agricultural Professional Societies and Trade Associations man exhibits to tell FFA members and advisors of the career opportunities in agriculture.

# Committee Reports

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for National FFA Office for the year 1969-70. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

<i>President</i> .....	HARRY WAYNE BIRDWELL, Oklahoma
<i>Secretary</i> .....	DENNIS JOE PHARRIS, Texas
<i>Vice President, Central Region</i> .....	STEVE ZUMBACH, Iowa
<i>Vice President, No. Atlantic Region</i> .....	DONALD KENNETH SHINN, New Jersey
<i>Vice President, Pacific Region</i> .....	DAVID H. DIETZ, Oregon
<i>Vice President, Southern Region</i> .....	C. W. ST. JOHN, Arkansas
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	J. M. CAMPBELL, Richmond, Virginia
<i>Executive Secretary</i> .....	WM. PAUL GRAY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Advisor</i> .....	H. N. HUNICKER, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Beverly, South Carolina (*Chairman*)  
Tyson Stephens, Georgia  
David Shiflett, Virginia  
Bill Mullen, Massachusetts  
Robert Craig, Michigan  
Fred Oakes, West Virginia  
Lauren Libby, Kansas  
Everett Kissler, Colorado  
Robert Johnson, Nevada

## AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have reviewed and inspected the general records and financial statements of the National Organization of the Future Farmers of America. We found that the accounts kept by our National Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Campbell, and his secretary, Mrs. Pauline Coiner, for the fiscal year July 1, 1968 through June 30, 1969, were true and correct in every respect and that our organization was in sound financial condition.

We also reviewed the audit of Lybrand, Ross Bros. and Montgomery, and the consolidated audit of Stoy, Malone and Company, Certified Public Accountants.

We wish to commend Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Coiner for their fine job of keeping the FFA accounts, and to thank Dr. Woodrow

W. Wilkerson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Virginia State Board of Education, for allowing Mr. Julian Campbell to give of his time to the task of serving as our National FFA Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Pullins, Ohio, (*Chairman*)

Ted Sheely, Arizona

Wayne Hirsch, Montana

Richard N. Bailey, Virginia

Leonard Hult, Idaho

Tim Lee, Alabama

David Jacquier, Connecticut

### CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

We, the Committee of Convention Proceedings for 1969, do hereby recommend the following for future Convention Proceedings:

1. That photographs of the official delegation be taken. Each delegate should be identified individually as to name, city and state, and region.
2. That a photograph of the National FFA President be included with the Call for the National Convention depicting the President presiding over an actual session.
3. Place photographs of speakers and events in chronological order, where possible.
4. That a photograph of the passing of the presidential gavel be located near the end of the Proceedings.
5. That copies of the National Convention proceedings be available to *all FFA* members at a reasonable cost.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnny Holland, Tennessee, (*Chairman*)

Kirk Sniff, Colorado

Dale Garrison, Arkansas

Robert Palmer, New York

John Comegys, Delaware

Steve Nickell, Missouri

Jerry Zitterkopf, Nebraska

### FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Supply Service Committee reviewed the 1969 Future Farmers Supply Service Catalogue, and discussed in detail all phases of the Supply Service operation, making the following recommendations:

1. That a blazer be made available by the Supply Service as an alternate dress, although not replacing the official "blue and gold" corduroy FFA jacket. The use and purchase of this blazer will be left to the discretion of individual State associations.

2. That the Supply Service make available personalized calling cards for national, State and chapter officers.
3. That the Supply Service attend State conventions with samples and/or merchandise for sale when possible.
4. That a standardized handbook of parliamentary procedure be made available.
5. That a handbook similar to the one for national officers be made available to State and chapter officers.
6. That the FFA sport shirt be improved in quality (including perma-press) or removed from the catalogue.
7. That the FFA-Vo-Ag Information booklet be replaced by an up-to-date, revised brochure, describing the nationwide vo-ag program and its accompanying organization, the Future Farmers of America.
8. That a chaplain station emblem be made available.
9. That the Supply Service study the possibility of license plates and license plate attachments advertising the FFA.
10. That the Future Farmers of America commend the management and staff of the Supply Service for their prompt and dedicated service to the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Ruth, Pennsylvania (*Chairman*)

Richard Hughes, New Jersey

Dave Brabeck, Wyoming

Robert Burns, Texas

David Bollman, Wisconsin

Patrick Porter, Hawaii

Jerry Haggerty, Rhode Island

Alvin Hickman, North Carolina

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

We, the International Program of Activities Committee, for 1969, submit the following goal and means for accomplishing this:

The Goal in FFA International Activities, is to provide for an exchange of ideas with agriculturally oriented groups abroad and at home, and to exchange organizational ideas in order to further our mutual goals in agricultural education.

We suggest the following objectives to achieve this goal:

1. Spend designated FFA International Activities' funds on an International Magazine about the FFA, and continue publications in foreign languages to make a clear exchange of ideas possible.
2. Expand "Work Experience" programs with all countries willing to participate.
3. Encourage States to undertake International programs and exchanges.

4. Make slide programs on international activities available to states and encourage them to use the slides in convention displays.
5. Work closely with Foreign Ministries of Education in exchange programs.
6. Establish an International Agricultural Youth Conference for 1975.
7. Recommend to the NVATA that they undertake an agricultural teacher exchange with foreign countries.
8. Utilize American representatives in foreign countries more efficiently to help develop necessary contacts with agri-oriented youth groups.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Muela, California (*Chairman*)  
Dale Boyette, Florida  
Paul Grill, Michigan  
Pender Sharp, North Carolina  
Mike Darby, Mississippi  
David Hansen, New York  
Plino Martinez, Puerto Rico  
Gary Stewart, Oregon

#### NATIONAL CONVENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

We, the members of the 1969 National Convention Program Committee, hereby recommend the following for consideration by the National Board of Directors and the National Officers in an effort to improve our 1970 National Convention:

1. We suggest that official dress of the FFA be mandatory for admission at the sessions of the national convention.
2. We recommend that the delegates and other FFA members be on time and prepared for all sessions of which they are a part.
3. We commend the National Band, Chorus, and Organist on their outstanding service during the convention.
4. We urge that the Municipal Auditorium be decorated in the future as effectively as it has been this year, and also that an appropriate backdrop to the stage be used again.
5. We encourage more States to have booths on display, and we commend all who were responsible for the Career Booths. We urge that they continue to have career exhibits in the future.
6. We recommend that the Central Region public speaking contest be held on Monday night instead of Tuesday morning, thus avoiding conflicts for speakers who are delegates.
7. We commend the National Officers for their retiring addresses.
8. We recommend that the Courtesy Corps be composed of as many State, Area, Section or District officers as possible.
9. Each State Association should instruct and supervise FFA members from their State to assure proper FFA dress, good

conduct, strict adherence to the Code of Ethics, and attendance at all sessions during the convention.

10. We encourage photographers and members to respect delegates and the audience by not obstructing the view of the stage while taking pictures.
11. We recommend that convention speakers be listed in the Pre-Convention pamphlet along with other convention highlights.
12. We encourage more members to participate in the tours to points of interest.
13. We commend the speakers and National Officers for presenting an effective Vespers Service and urge that it be continued.
14. We recommend that the National Convention Committee continue to give its report on Friday evening.
15. We recommend that committee chairmen be contacted prior to the national convention concerning committee work during the convention.
16. We recommend that the American Farmer Degree practice be held Wednesday night instead of Tuesday night.

We made these recommendations in an effort to improve the most successful and greatest National Convention ever held.

Respectfully submitted,

Murray Edwards, Texas (*Chairman*)

James Clary, Alabama

Mike Richey, Kentucky

Steven Belyea, Maine

Bill King, New Mexico

Steve Engle, Wyoming

Larry West, Arkansas

### NATIONAL FFA CALENDAR COMMITTEE

We wish to commend the FFA Calendar staff, under the direction of Mr. Jack Pitzer, for the development, promotion and success of our calendar program.

To further promote and develop the public relations value of the National FFA Calendar, we make the following recommendations:

1. Institute ways to inform chapters of our calendar program.
  - a. Have sessions at Leadership Conferences to explain the calendar program.
  - b. Individual chapters may obtain information from National Calendar Staff:

Calendar Department  
National FUTURE FARMER  
P. O. Box 15130  
Alexandria, Virginia 22309

- c. State staff provide information of calendar program to newly elected officers and state officers to promote calendars.
- d. List calendar in FFA Supply Service catalog.
- e. Improve specifications of each type of calendar.
2. Means of increasing distribution:
  - a. Approach sponsors early.
  - b. Get calendars in hands of every member.
  - c. Early distribution.
  - d. Encourage enlargement of previous orders.
3. Propose a study of the feasibility of a pocket size calendar. Consider economic and public relations value.

*Types of Pocket Calendar*

- a. Regular calendar
- b. Officer's card
- c. Holidays
- d. Creed or Motto
4. Suggested Revisions:
  - a. Place December of previous year as first page.
  - b. Put theme of the FFA Week on the month of February.
5. All chapters strive to provide quality 4 x 5 color transparencies for possible publication on the FFA calendar and in the National Future Farmer Magazine.
6. That all national officers stress the importance of the calendar as a public relations tool.
7. Chapters should be encouraged to place orders in spring. To insure pre-holiday delivery, orders should be received no later than December 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Peebles, Alabama (*Chairman*)

Lanny Harlow, Kentucky

Richard P. Creterion, Massachusetts

Phillip H. Johnson, Nebraska

David Van Overschelde, South Dakota

Eldon White, Utah

Larry Perry, Maine

John Fogell, Rhode Island

### NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of the National FFA Organization, we, the National FFA Foundation Committee of the 42nd National Convention, wish to express our gratitude to the Foundation sponsors for their contributions to our organization.

We extend a most sincere thanks to Mr. Donald Danforth, Jr., Executive Vice President, Ralston Purina Company, and 1969 Chairman of the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee; Mr. Donald N. McDowell, Executive Director of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee; and Mr. Robert Seefeldt, Manager of Contests and Awards of the FFA.

We submit the following recommendations to the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees:

1. That FFA Foundation membership categories be established as follows:
  - a. Star Sponsor ..... \$5,000. and over
  - b. Gold Sponsor ..... \$2,000. - \$4,999.
  - c. Silver Sponsor ..... \$ 500. - \$1,999.
  - d. Bronze Sponsor ..... \$ 100. - \$ 499.
  - e. Contributions ..... Less than \$ 100.
2. That Gold and Star FFA Foundation Sponsors may sponsor "special projects" with the approval of the Foundation Board of Trustees.
3. That appropriate recognition may be given to sponsors by:
  - a. National Officers visiting the Star and Gold Sponsors.
  - b. State Associations' recognition of Silver and Bronze Sponsors.
  - c. Local chapter recognition of Contributors.
4. That the national office provide local chapters with detailed information on the National FFA Foundation, and how it is organized and operated.
5. That local recognition should be given to National FFA Foundation members in the community.
6. That the national office review and reconstruct the Proficiency Award Program.
7. That incentive awards be increased and expanded.
8. That new areas of contests and awards be explored.
9. That limitations be removed on contestants ineligible to participate because they have been winners in similar contests sponsored by other youth organizations.
10. That all national awards and contests be publicized to the maximum potential.

Respectfully submitted,

Artie Tenhouse, Illinois (*Chairman*)

Bruce Rydeen, Minnesota

Dale Hoover, Pennsylvania

Myles Watts, Montana

Albert Wildes, Georgia

Gary Egolf, Indiana

Gerod Victorine, Hawaii

Allan Young, Vermont

#### NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

We, the members of the National FFA Magazine Committee for 1969, submit the following for consideration:

1. Encourage local chapters to *accurately* submit names and addresses of chapter members for subscriptions to the magazine.

2. Encourage the publication of articles informing readers of leadership careers in agribusiness.
3. Encourage inspirational and informative articles concerning success of former and present FFA members.
4. Inform readers of the need for pictures submitted for possible use in The National Future Farmer Magazine.
5. Encourage chapter members and advisors to submit inspirational articles and articles concerning unusual projects that would be of interest to FFA members.
6. Award a certificate of recognition to chapters when articles they submit are published in the National Future Farmer.
7. Write articles informing the readers of items of business to be discussed and acted upon at the National FFA Convention.
8. Encourage chapters to send extra or complimentary subscriptions to friends and donors to the FFA. It is recommended that copies be sent to establishments where they are readily available to the public (i.e., barber shops, doctors' offices, public libraries, etc.)
9. Have each national officer write a feature article for the national magazine.
10. Recommend that national officers or staff, when attending state conventions, discuss recommendations and improvements of the national magazine.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Habedank, Minnesota

*(Chairman)*

Bill Sarpalius, Texas

Nathan Bagley, Arkansas

Lawrence Harrington, Jr., Connecticut

Billy Woodard, Florida

Kevin Hall, Maryland

Paul Bixler, South Dakota

Paul Bankhead, California

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Leadership Training Committee for 1969, recommend the following as a means of developing leadership on the local, state and national levels:

1. That Sub-Regional Leadership Training conferences be held for present State Officers only.
2. That two national officers be in attendance at each of these conferences, to offer suggestions, and for radio and TV interviews, and other activities.
3. That states suggest to the chairman of the sub-regional training conferences, activities that would be beneficial to the program.

4. That more time be devoted to the public speaking workshops.
5. That programs for the sub-regional leadership training conferences be distributed at least six weeks in advance.
6. That State Officer Handbooks be distributed at the sub-regional leadership conferences, and that any remaining funds allowed for seasonal conferences for state officers in the national budget be allotted proportionally for other conference expenses.
7. That the national officers and staff be commended for preparing an excellent program for the National Leadership and Citizenship Conferences. We recommend continued expansion of these programs, and encourage further participation.
8. That the National Leadership and Citizenship Conference for State officers be planned and conducted for State Presidents and other State officers, and that the other Washington Conferences be for officers below the state level.
9. That a committee be appointed with Mr. Harris, as advisor, at the 1970 Leadership and Citizenship Conference for State Presidents, to organize a program to recognize State Associations with outstanding leadership activities.
10. That an annual list be distributed of the leadership materials available from the national organization, such as, films, overlays, slides, tapes and publications, or any other materials that will aid leadership programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hoyt, Iowa (*Chairman*)  
Ken Clay, Texas  
Carlyle Stenberg, North Dakota  
Bob Carson, Missouri  
Kirk Baumann, Washington  
Gregory Lee, West Virginia  
Michael Redmond, North Carolina

### OFFICIAL MANUAL COMMITTEE

After reviewing the 1968 Official FFA Manual and the excellent report of the 1968 committee, we recommend for the 1970 edition:

1. Update to concur with changes in the Constitution, Creed, Aim and Purposes or other articles or documents.
2. Pictures be updated in terms of style, quality and period of time.
  - a. Update Greenhand initiation picture page 82.
  - b. New up-to-date picture of chapter banquet on page 96.
  - c. New picture of chapter executive meeting on page 44.
  - d. Update pictures on pages 64 and 65.
  - e. New up-to-date picture of National FFA Leadership and Citizenship Conference on page 57.
  - f. Revise pictures on pages 58-59.

3. Mention Chapter Presidents' Conference.
4. Strike out song on page 116 "I'm in Love with a Boy of the FFA".
5. A list of past National Presidents should be included in the manual, preferably inside back cover.
6. That a list of further revisions to the manual be forwarded to the National Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Johns, Oregon (*Chairman*)

Scott Griffin, Texas

Jan Petersen, Utah

Thomas O'Neil, Kansas

Steve Bartlett, Louisiana

Steve Osgood, Vermont

Keith Lesteberg, North Dakota

### PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES (Local Guide) COMMITTEE

Upon reviewing the guide for local chapters to use in developing a program of activities, the committee feels that the present guide as printed in the 1969 Official FFA Manual is complete and accurate, except for recommendations in the following divisions:

1. Division I, Activity 2. Goal 1, add to "e" under Ways and Means "... and harmful insects found in the community." Delete Activity 6 and substitute "Promoting Agribusiness." Delete Goal I and substitute "Encourage and assist FFA members to engage in agribusiness". Add "d" to Ways and Means, "Select and honor Chapter Star Agribusinessman."
2. Division II, Activity 2, Goal 1. Change "activity" to "activities". Goal 2, insert "d" into Ways and Means, "Enter District Cooperative Activities Contest." Activity 3, Goal 1, change "activity" to "activities".
3. Division III, substitute for Activity 1, "Developing knowledge toward accident prevention in the community." Under Activity 1, add Goal 2, "Chapter to promote National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course." Add "a," "b," "c," and "d," under Ways and Means to read:
  - a. Contact a sponsoring agency to arrange a community DDC program.
  - b. Plan and encourage the community to participate.
  - c. Arrange for all high school licensed drivers to attend classes before graduation.

Under Activity I, add a Goal 3, "Cooperate with the National Safety Council." Add "a" and "b" to Ways and Means to read:

- a. Correspond with NSC.
- b. Use NSC materials to conduct safety programs.

4. Division IX, Activity I, Goal 1, add "k" to Ways and Means.  
"Issue complimentary subscriptions to National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard Beatty, New Jersey (*Chairman*)

Kent C. Thiesen, Iowa

Ron Hauenstein, Washington

Steven Carter, Nevada

Jerry Alexander, Mississippi

Joe Fetzer, Tennessee

Denis Brissette, New Hampshire

### INFORMATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

We, the National FFA Information Program Committee for 1969-70, recommend the following:

1. National officers be a highlight of State convention. Every State Association should encourage the exchange of officers at State conventions.
2. Develop a Public Relations Corps at the convention to assist in gathering news.
3. Stress good personal appearance and conduct for every FFA member.
4. Initiate weekly FFA radio broadcasts and try to get a TV special on local, State and national levels.
5. Local chapters select outstanding representatives to speak before farm organizations, business, civic and youth groups. Cooperative activities with other vocational youth organizations be encouraged at all levels.
6. National FFA Theme be used not only during FFA Week but during the entire year.
7. More effective use of "Children's Barnyard" at local and State fairs by providing more educational material explaining the FFA program.
8. Complimentary subscriptions of the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine be sent to business men by local chapters.
9. The Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation sponsor a public relations award program.
10. Sponsor parent-son banquets to acquaint business men in communities with the FFA program.
11. Good-Will Tour of the national officers cover all segments of industry and different regions of the country each year.
12. Initiate State Reporters' Conference similar to national citizenship and leadership conference in Washington, D. C. to better acquaint reporters with their duties and responsibilities.

13. Transmit more flexible image by publicizing the complete FFA program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Beard, Oklahoma (*Chairman*)  
Prince H. Brown, Georgia  
Rudolph West, Delaware  
James Dunlap, Tennessee  
Dan Lehmann, Illinois  
Dale Kranz, Wisconsin  
Mike Dallas, New Mexico

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the convention Resolutions Committee recommend that the Future Farmers of America extend our sincere appreciation for the contributions of individuals and groups who have made this convention a huge success:

1. To the members of the National Board of Directors, staff of the National FFA Organization, and State Staffs for their conscientious effort and continuing assistance to members of the Future Farmers of America.
2. To the 1968-69 National Officers for providing inspiration and leadership necessary for the success of this convention.
3. To Mr. Donald Danforth, Jr., 1969 Chairman of the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, for his aggressive leadership of that organization.
4. To Mr. Donald McDowell, Executive Director of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, for his efforts in soliciting support for the Foundation.
5. To the Honorable Clifford Hardin, Secretary of Agriculture, for his timely and inspiring address to the convention.
6. To the Kansas City FFA Convention Advisory Committee, the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, and the management and staff of the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium for their willingness to serve the FFA.
7. To Ilus W. Davis, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, the residents of Kansas City and the Kansas City Police Force for their hospitality and warm welcome.
8. To the American Royal for providing an educational and entertaining day of activities for the FFA.
9. To all members of the National FFA Band, National FFA Chorus, Courtesy Corps, to those presenting the Talent Show, Ushers and Stage Crews.
10. To the outstanding guest speakers who appeared on our program: Mr. Kenny McMillan, Mr. Don Greve and Mr. Arthur Godfrey.

11. To Mr. Roger Heath, Mr. Marvin Myers, Mr. J. C. Fink, Mr. Don Erickson and their assistants for their outstanding work with the Band, Chorus, Courtesy Corps, Talent, Ushers and Stage Crew.
12. To the Wurlitzer Organ Company for again generously loaning us the electric organs for the convention and to Gerry Diers of the Minnesota Association for his outstanding service as national convention organist.
13. To all the individuals, companies and civic clubs who sponsored meal functions and other activities for the benefit of our members.
14. To Mr. Robert Seefeldt, Manager of FFA Contests and Awards, and the Trade and Professional Associations for their dynamic Agricultural Career Exhibits, and all the State Associations for their informative exhibits.
15. To all respected officials and participants who took part in the various contests, awards programs and other special events.
16. To Mr. William Jensen, Mr. Jerry Litton and Dr. Leon Minear for their part in selecting the National Public Speaking Contest winners.
17. To the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for an extremely entertaining evening program climaxing the convention.
18. To Mr. Kirby Brumfield for his inspirational message at the Vespers Service.
19. To the Joint Service Color Guard for the posting of our National Colors.
20. To all organizations of the press, TV and radio that have publicized this convention so well.
21. To the Pierce, Nebraska, Chapter for the large lighted national emblem for use during the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Lewis, North Carolina (*Chairman*)  
Clifford Saylor, Arizona  
Gary Bishop, Texas  
Gordon Gash, Wisconsin  
Leroy Crawford, Oklahoma  
William Fitzwater, III, Maryland  
Jim Buck, Illinois

#### NATIONAL FFA PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

We, the members of the National Program of Activities Committee have carefully reviewed and inspected the proposed 1970 National Program of Activities, and do hereby submit the following recommendations to the Boards of National Officers and Directors for their consideration:

1. That the National Program of Activities be divided into three main areas, service, organizational operations and cooperative activities.
2. That these three main areas of activity be further divided into sub-headings of "items", "goals" and "ways and means."
3. That under the sub-topic of "items" would be the Future Farmers Supply Service, the Official FFA Calendar, Contests and Awards, etc.
4. That "goals" be made measurable and specific, using definite figures or numbers as often as possible.
5. That a fifth column titled "accomplishments" be added to the National Program of Activities. The purpose of this column would be to see if goals are being attained.
6. That an annual report be made at each National FFA Convention enumerating accomplishments.
7. That an annual report be made and distributed to each FFA chapter so that the progress of the National Program of Activities will be known to all FFA members.

We, the members of the National Program of Activities Committee, feel that the above suggestions will help to better organize and define the National Program of Activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Lonn Stuckwish, Indiana (*Chairman*)

Teddy Shaw, Oklahoma

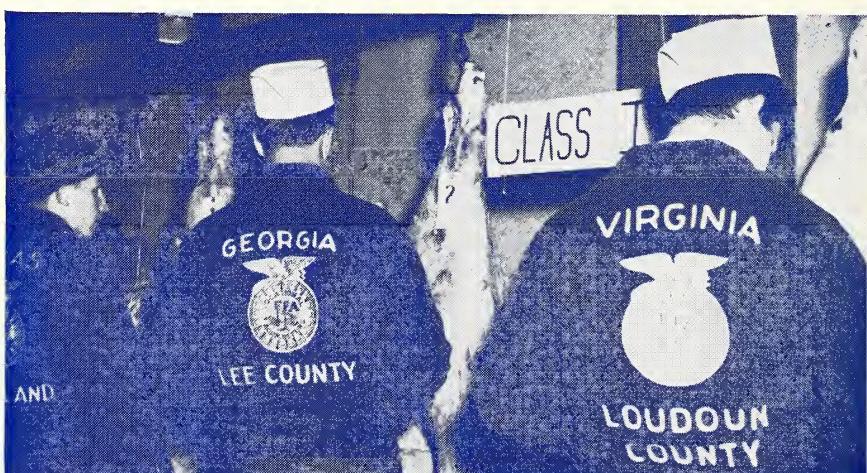
Allan Quigley, New Hampshire

Keith Barnett, South Carolina

Bill Rogers, Ohio

Neil Brood, Idaho

Tim Carroll, Louisiana



National FFA Judging Contest in Livestock, Dairy, Cattle, Poultry, Meats and Dairy Products are major activities at the National Convention.

## NATIONAL FFA PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

1970

Area	Item	Goals	Ways and Means
Services (to State FFA associations, chapters and FFA members)	Future Farmers Supply Service	Make available from one source needed and wanted official FFA supplies of highest possible quality at lowest possible price in as short a time as possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Administer operation of Future Farmers Supply Service in a businesslike manner.</li> <li>b. Maintain high quality of merchandise sold through the Supply Service.</li> <li>c. Employ the necessary qualified staff to maintain an efficient operation.</li> </ul>
	The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To publish and mail directly to the home of all FFA members six issues annually.</li> <li>2. Feature an Agri-Emphasis subject in each issue.</li> <li>3. Increase revenue for operating FFA magazine.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Administer publication of Magazine.</li> <li>b. Collect FFA member subscriptions and home addresses with FFA dues.</li> <li>c. Maintain a mailing list of all FFA members and other subscribers.</li> <li>d. Encourage the use of the FFA Magazine in the public relations program of local chapters, state associations and national organizations.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Select Agri-Emphasis subject of interest to FFA members.</li> <li>b. Publish 2 to 4 articles using up to 8 pages in each issue for this purpose.</li> <li>c. Raise non-member subscription price to \$1.00 during fiscal year 1969-70.</li> <li>d. Work to increase revenue from advertising by at least 10% during 1969-70.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Make available an Official FFA Calendar for use by all local chapters in their public relations activities.</li> <li>b. Keep States and local chapters informed on how to use calendar via media-like direct mail.</li> <li>c. Encourage States and chapters to use the calendar program for effective public relations as well as a money-making activity.</li> <li>d. Offer 3 styles of calendar; 3 plans of participation.</li> </ul>

Area	Goals	Ways and Means
Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inform the FFA members, advisors, supporters and general public about the agricultural education program.</li> <li>2. Prepare and distribute news releases on all regional and national award winners.</li> <li>3. Prepare and distribute news releases and accompanying photos on all National Conference participants and American Farmers.</li> <li>4. To promote the annual Theme by having more than 3,000 chapters use the official FFA Week promotional materials offered by the organization.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Administer an information service.</li> <li>b. Provide general information on agricultural education program to news resources.</li> <li>c. Publicize regional and national award winners.</li> <li>d. Plan, develop, distribute and promote National FFA Week materials</li> <li>e. Provide a news photo service.</li> </ol>
International	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make available international educational experiences for all State FFA Associations, chapters and FFA members.</li> <li>2. Arrange study tours for over 75 FFA members, exchange programs for over 40 FFA members and over 40 students from other countries.</li> <li>3. Explore and/or provide agricultural education program assistance to at least 5 developing countries.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Administer a program of international experiences.</li> <li>b. Provide educational study tours to Europe, South America and Far East.</li> <li>c. Arrange for State Association study tours.</li> <li>d. Arrange for 3 and 6 months work experience programs.</li> <li>e. Develop plans for special projects with developing countries.</li> </ol>
Contests and Awards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase participation within the agricultural proficiency award program above the</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide agricultural proficiency award recognition at the chapter, State, regional and national level. Develop an effective application form and promotional</li> </ol>

chapter level from the 1968-69 total of 10,060 to 11,000.

2. Provide a program to encourage FFA chapters to more effectively use the FFA in agricultural education.
3. Continue effective program with all 50 states participating.
4. Increase the number of Superior-rated chapters from the 1968-69 total of 2,844 to 3,000.
5. Increase the numbers of chapters participating in the safety program above the chapter level from the 1968-69 total of 453 to 600.
6. To promote the National Judging Contest so as to have at least 42 state teams participating in dairy cattle judging, 30 state teams in dairy products judging, 32 state teams in meats judging, 31 state teams in poultry judging and 43 state teams in livestock judging.

material for each proficiency area and request each state to have local chapters submit proficiency applications to the next level of competition before receiving the local proficiency award medal.

- b. Arrange for Public Speaking contest recognition at the local, State, regional and national level.
- c. Provide encouragement and recognition to FFA chapters to include the National Chapter Award program, Safety and Judging Contests—Dairy Cattle, Livestock, Meats, Dairy Products and Poultry in their programs of activities.
- d. Encourage State Associations to expand and/or improve their programs by providing funds for state initiated activities.

Leadership

1. Assist and encourage State Associations and FFA chapters to establish leadership training for all members.
2. To extend and supplement leadership and citizenship activities through regional programs serving 1,000 FFA

a. Plan and/or arrange sub-regional leadership conferences available to all State FFA Officers, Presidents.

b. Conduct a National Leadership Conference for State Presidents.

c. Establish and operate National Chapter Impact Conferences for chapter officers and advisors.

d. Plan and operate National Leadership and Citizenship Conferences for FFA Officers (chapter, district, section, regional).

Area	Item	Goals	Ways and Means
Organizational Operations (Necessary function to maintain and operate the National Organization)	National FFA Board of Directors	chapters and State representatives from all associations.	e. Develop and distribute needed leadership materials to States and chapters.
	National FFA Governing Committee	Operate an efficient and productive National FFA Organization.	a. Maintain system of selection.
			b. Arrange for annual meetings, July, October and January.
			c. Prepare agenda and facilities.
			d. Print and distribute minutes.
	National FFA Officers	Maintain decision making process between Board meetings.	a. Meet on call to make necessary decisions for the Board.
			b. Prepare and distribute Minutes of Governing Committee meetings.
	Delegates to the National Convention	Provide inspiring, outstanding FFA officer leadership to the organization.	a. Elect according to the Constitution and Public Law 740 at each National Convention.
			b. Train National Officers.
			c. Program Officers into all State FFA Conventions, regional and national leadership, conferences, and other regional and national meetings for which they are requested.
			d. Arrange for Officers to attend other State FFA activities when requested.
			e. Plan and conduct a nationwide Good-Will Tour visiting Sponsors to the National FFA Foundation and other representatives of business, industry, organizations, and individuals.
			a. Arrange for selection, housing, orientation and seating of delegates.
			b. Provide travel funds for delegates.
	National FFA Convention	Provide a place for delegate work and recognition of out-	c. Prepare National Officers for delegate sessions.
			d. Record results.
			a. Plan annual Convention in October the week preceding American Royal.

standing Regional and National accomplishments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Prepare and distribute Convention publicity.</li> <li>c. Arrange for awards recipients to be present and well recognized.</li> <li>d. Operate a national band, chorus, courtesy corps, ushers and talent program.</li> <li>e. Confer American Farmer Degrees, Honorary American Farmer Degrees, and Distinguished Service Awards.</li> <li>f. Recognize Sponsors to National FFA Foundation.</li> <li>g. Plan and operate an Agricultural Career Show of Agricultural Trade Association and Professional Societies.</li> <li>h. Conduct National Dairy Cattle, Dairy Products, Livestock, Meats, and Poultry Judging Contests.</li> <li>i. Conduct the National FFA Convention in cooperation with State associations, Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, and others.</li> </ul>
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Prepare a budget.</li> <li>b. Expend funds as authorized.</li> </ul>
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Receive National FFA dues.</li> <li>b. Collect royalties from official calendar.</li> <li>c. Collect royalties from companies that are authorized to sell official FFA items.</li> <li>d. Receive portion of funds earned by Future Farmers Supply Service and National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.</li> <li>e. Receive rents from the Future Farmer Supply Service and the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.</li> </ul>
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Prepare and distribute Proceedings of National FFA Conventions.</li> <li>b. Revise, update, and provide through the Supply Service an information booklet on Vocational Agriculture and the FFA.</li> <li>c. Revise annually the Handbook for National FFA Officers.</li> <li>d. Revise annually the Official FFA Manual.</li> <li>e. Prepare and distribute a Handbook on Collegiate FFA Chapters.</li> </ul>

Area	Goals	Ways and Means
Cooperative Activities (Activities in which the FFA cooperates with other organizations, agencies or groups.)	'Building American Communities'	a. Provide the student with a comprehensive view of national problems as they pertain to the rural-urban relationship.
	an FFA Community Development Program	b. Assist him to discover this relationship to his community and what it means to him and his family in the future.
		c. Encourage him to become actively involved in constructive organized community development.
		d. Develop his leadership abilities in this field.
National Farm Organizations	Cooperate in appropriate activities with all national farm organizations.	a. Have annual meetings of National FFA Officers with Officials of American Institute of Cooperation, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, National Grange, American Farm Bureau, Farmers Educational & Cooperative Union, Farm institutes and others.
		b. Have an officer attend and take part in the program of national farm organizations when requested.
American Royal Live Stock Show	Participate in American Royal.	a. Have National Livestock Judging Contests held at the Royal.
		b. Have National FFA Band march in American Royal Parade.
		c. Provide time in the national convention program for FFA representatives to participate in the American Royal FFA Day.
		d. Exhibit livestock at the American Royal by FFA members.
Expositions or Fairs	FFA to be represented at Regional and National Expositions.	a. Arrange for FFA National Officers to attend and participate.
		b. Assist with exhibits, expositions, pageants, etc.
		c. Provide assistance to State associations on all programs and exhibits which stress the activities of the FFA.

American Vocational Association	Participate in AVA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Arrange for a National Officer to attend if requested.</li> <li>b. Consider having an exhibit by a local chapter, State Association or the national organization.</li> </ul>
National Safety Council	Participate in National Safety Congress.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have a National FFA Officer attend and participate in the NSC meetings in Chicago.</li> <li>b. Cooperate with the State associations and the NSC in the development of both programs and materials to promote farm safety.</li> </ul>
Farm-City Week	Participate in Farm-City Week.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Use National Officers or other personnel to assist in promoting and conducting activities in Farm-City Week.</li> </ul>
Business, Industry and other Organizations	Foster better understanding of business and industry to agriculture, and encourage service to the FFA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Assist in the development of motion pictures, film-strips, and pamphlets for use by the FFA.</li> <li>b. Encourage cooperation with State associations and local chapters.</li> </ul>
Youth Organizations	Participate in worthwhile activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide National Officer representation at national meeting of other youth organizations when invited.</li> <li>b. Invite representatives of other youth organizations to National FFA Convention.</li> <li>c. Encourage State Associations to provide State officer representation at State meetings of other youth organizations when invited.</li> <li>d. Encourage State Associations to invite representatives of other youth organizations to State FFA Conventions.</li> </ul>
Civil Defense	Cooperate with civil defense agencies in programs related to rural areas, agriculture, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Work with Civil Defense Department in Washington to make surveys and coordinate program.</li> <li>b. Provide local chapters and State associations information on fallout shelters, civil defense needs, etc.</li> <li>c. Encourage local chapters and State associations to contact appropriate civil defense agencies concerning the distribution of information on fallout shelters, civil defense, etc.</li> </ul>

# Report of the National FFA Treasurer

J. M. CAMPBELL

*Mr. President and Members of the Future Farmers of America:*

It is my privilege as your National Treasurer to report to you on the financial status of your organization.

There has been distributed in the delegates' section, mimeographed material including a statement of receipts and expenditures of the FFA for the fiscal year ended June 30, a report on the FFA Foundation for the period January 1 through September 30 of this year, and a summary of the financial status of the total organization. You may review these at your convenience.

At this time it would seem appropriate, therefore, rather than reciting a lot of figures, to give you a brief explanation of the financial set-up of your organization— where the money comes from and where it goes— and to summarize the financial status of the national organization.

There are, as you probably know, four major areas of financial accounting:

- (a) The Future Farmers of America
- (b) The Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
- (c) The Future Farmers Supply Service
- (d) The National Future Farmer Magazine

I might mention here that the Future Farmers Supply Service and the National Future Farmer Magazine are wholly owned by the FFA Organization and operate under the general direction of the FFA Board of Directors. However, accounts and records for these two operations are kept separate from the general FFA funds and their books are separately audited. These two organizations are housed in our FFA building at the National FFA Center near Mt. Vernon, which is close to Washington, D. C., where our National FFA Office is now located.

The Future Farmers of America receives its income from dues of members, royalties on merchandise bearing the FFA emblem, rent on the FFA Building, and interest earned on funds held in reserve. (The major portion of royalties received is paid by the Future Farmers Supply Service). Included as a part of the dues is your subscription to the Future Farmer Magazine.

Expenses consist primarily of travel of the national officers and Board of Directors, national office expense, and national convention expense, maintenance of our FFA building, and your magazine subscription which is transferred to the Future Farmer Magazine.

In reviewing the FFA statement of receipts and expenditures for the year ended June 30, 1969, you will note a rather large deficit in the balance column. This is primarily due to the fact that the move of the FFA office out of the Office of Education to

the National FFA Center, entailed considerable expense which was not anticipated when our 1968-69 budget was prepared, hence a considerable over-expenditure in certain areas. We hope that with the increase in dues for the current year, we will be in a better position to meet this added expense. Funds were transferred from the depreciation reserve to cover the remodeling and moving expenses.

The FFA Foundation receives its income from contributions of more than 450 sponsors, and interest on some reserve funds. It was suggested several years ago by some of our sponsors, that we build up a reserve fund which would cover one year's operation, in the event of financial reverses. This we have attempted to do and this money has been invested in Government Bonds and other types of savings.

During 1969 more than \$220,000.00 has been received in contributions from some 550 sponsors, about 53 of them contributing for the first time this year. Since 1944, when the FFA Foundation was organized, more than \$4,116,000.00 has been contributed by business organizations and individuals. This genuine interest in your organization, demonstrated from year to year, is something of which you can be very proud.

The greater part of the FFA Foundation budget is expended in connection with our incentive awards program, recognizing vocational agriculture student members of the FFA for outstand-



**STAR AMERICAN FARMERS—1969**

The 1969 Star Farmer of America was Oscar J. Manbeck, Bethel, Pennsylvania.

The three Regional Star Farmers were: Walter Terrell Hudson, Unadilla, Georgia; John David Prahl, Gays, Illinois; Gary A. Wollweber, Edwall, Washington.

ing achievement in agricultural and leadership activities. In 1968 slightly more than 12% of the total amount expended during the year was used for operating expenses.

The Future Farmers Supply Service receives its income from merchandise sold to FFA members, and its expenses consist of the cost of merchandise, operation of the Supply Service and rent of the FFA Building.

The National Future Farmer Magazine's income is derived from advertising and subscriptions. Its expenses consist of editing, printing, mailing of the magazine, and rental of space in the FFA Building.

Separate and more complete reports of the Future Farmers Supply Service and the National FFA Magazine will be given later by officials of those organizations.

The total net worth of your organization, including the FFA, the FFA Foundation, the Future Farmers Supply Service, and the National Future Farmer Magazine, is well over \$2,000,000.00.

My job is Supervisor of Agricultural Education with the Virginia State Board of Education, with an office in Richmond, Virginia. The FFA Treasurer's office is located in Woodstock, Virginia, where the books and records of the FFA and the FFA Foundation are kept by Mrs. Pauline Coiner.

A separate set of records and account books is kept for the FFA and the FFA Foundation. A large portion of our operating funds is maintained in separate accounts in the Shenandoah Valley



**STAR AGRI-BUSINESSMEN OF AMERICA—1969**

The 1969 Star Agri-Businessman of America was Ken Dunagan, Wilcox, Arizona, on the left.

The three Regional Star-Agri-Businessmen from left to right are Charlie Seidel, Jr., New Braunfels, Texas; Roger Lee Phelps, Marysville, Ohio; Charles Sanford Postles, Jr., Milford, Delaware.

National Bank in Winchester, Virginia. At present we have in this bank and other banks and savings associations, a total of \$233,243.85 of FFA funds, and \$607,047.42 of Foundation funds earning interest.

Both Mrs. Coiner and I are bonded to assure protection of the funds in our care. A separate audit of each account is made annually by Certified Public Accountants—Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery. Copies of these audits are presented to the Boards of Student Officers, Directors and Trustees of the FFA and the FFA Foundation, for review in detail during Board meetings. The records are also reviewed by your FFA Auditing Committee, and are available for examination by an individual member.

A combined audit of all FFA funds is also made annually and submitted to Congress, as required by law. Every safeguard is exercised in handling the funds of your organization.



#### STAR FARMER OF AMERICA JUDGES—1969

Seated, left to right: Roderick Turnbull, Agricultural Editor, KANSAS CITY STAR, Kansas City, Missouri; W. F. Moss, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, State of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee; V. H. Dolen, Vice President, American Oil Company, Kansas City, Missouri; W. E. Wilson, Vice President, General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; and James H. Grommersch, General Manager, Tractor and Implement Operations (U.S.), Ford Tractor Division, Ford Motor Company, Birmingham, Michigan.

Standing, left to right: R. E. Drexel, General Manager, Industrial and Biochemicals Department, E. I. duPont deNemours & Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; D. A. Sommer, President, Keystone Steel & Wire Company, Peoria, Illinois; Dick Hanson, Editor, SUCCESSFUL FARMING, Meredith Corporation, Des Moines, Iowa; Glenn A. Christians, Vice President, Merchandising, Massey-Ferguson Inc., Des Moines, Iowa; Richard J. Babcock, President and Publisher, FARM JOURNAL, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Edward C. Jones, Chairman of the Board, American Meat Institute, Chicago, Illinois; David C. Haney, General Manager, Farm Equipment Division, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois, and Ernest T. Lindsey, President, Farm-land Industries, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri.

### NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM

The National FFA Chapter Awards Program, conducted annually by the national organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and encourage improvement in local chapter programs of activities. The awards program has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort, and in crystallizing chapter programs of work into a series of worthwhile activities.

Chapters were grouped into Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem classifications, according to their record of accomplishment in supervised farming, cooperative activities, community service, leadership activities, earnings and savings by members, conduct of meetings, scholarship of members, recreation and participation in State and National activities.



**STAR AGRI-BUSINESSMAN OF AMERICA JUDGES—1969**

Seated, left to right: John A. Stearns, Producer, Agriculture - USA, Pacific Palisades, California; Charles Dana Bennett, Special Consultant, Foundation for American Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; Curry W. Stoup, President, New Idea Farm Equipment Division, AVCO Corporation, Coldwater, Ohio; D. S. Gaarder, Corporate Director, The Sherwin-Williams Company, Cleveland, Ohio; John A. Morgan, Chairman of the Board, Butler Manufacturing Company, Kansas City, Missouri, and William G. Smith, President, The National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Inc., East Brunswick, New Jersey.

Standing, left to right: George C. Delp, Chairman of the Board, New Holland, Division of Sperry Rand Corporation, New Holland, Pennsylvania; George L. Varnes, Group Vice President, Domestic Subsidiaries, Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, Indiana; E. V. Friedrich, Divisional Vice President, Agricultural Chemicals Division, Gulf Oil Corporation - U. S., Kansas City, Missouri; Donald Danforth, Jr., Executive Vice President, Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri; R. W. Bird, Director of Public Relation, White Motor Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio; Eugene Spitzer, Executive Vice President, Murphy Products Company, Inc., Burlington, Wisconsin, and Lyle Carpenter, President, Mortgage Finance, Inc., Denver, Colorado.

The top "Gold Emblem" rating was awarded to 72 local chapters. "Silver Emblem" ratings went to 46 chapters and "Bronze Emblem" ratings to 28 chapters.

ALABAMA.....Jasper Chapter, Jasper, gold emblem; Section Chapter, Section, gold emblem; Fairhope Chapter, Fairhope, silver emblem; Pell City Chapter, Pell City, silver emblem; Sparkman Chapter, Toney, bronze emblem.

ARIZONA.....Amphitheater Chapter, Tucson, gold emblem; Tempe Chapter, Tempe, gold emblem.

ARKANSAS.....Leachville Chapter, Leachville, gold emblem; Quitman Chapter, Quitman, gold emblem; Conway Chapter, Conway, silver emblem; Mansfield Chapter, Mansfield, silver emblem.

CALIFORNIA.....Chowchilla Chapter, Chowchilla, gold emblem; Thomas Downey Chapter, Modesto, gold emblem; Grace M. Davis Chapter, Modesto, silver emblem; Modesto Chapter, Modesto, bronze emblem.

COLORADO.....Eaton Chapter, Eaton, gold emblem; Fort Collins Chapter, Fort Collins, bronze emblem.

CONNECTICUT.....Housatonic Valley Chapter, Falls Village, gold emblem; Woodbury Chapter, Woodbury, gold emblem.

FLORIDA.....Santa Fe "Senior" Chapter, Alachua, gold emblem; South Sumter Senior Chapter, Bushnell, gold emblem; Walnut Hill Chapter, McDavid, gold emblem; Bartow Chapter, Bartow, silver emblem.

GEORGIA.....East Hall Chapter, Lula, gold emblem; Ringgold Chapter, Ringgold, silver emblem; Winder-Barrow Chapter, Winder, silver emblem; Jackson County Chapter, Braselton, bronze emblem; Moultrie Chapter, Moultrie, bronze emblem; Stephen County Chapter, Eastanollee, bronze emblem.

HAWAII.....Kaneohe Chapter, Kaneohe, gold emblem; Kau Chapter, Kau, bronze emblem.

IDAHO.....Emmett Chapter, Emmett, gold emblem; Fruitland Chapter, Fruitland, gold emblem.

ILLINOIS.....Sycamore Chapter, Sycamore, gold emblem; Warren Chapter, Monmouth, gold emblem; Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, silver emblem; Paxton Chapter, Paxton, silver emblem.

INDIANA.....Brownstown Central Chapter, Brownstown, gold emblem; Clinton Central Chapter, Michigantown, silver emblem; Prairie Heights Chapter, LaGrange, bronze emblem.

IOWA.....Buffalo Center Bison Chapter, Buffalo Center, gold emblem; Manchester Chapter, Manchester, gold emblem; Bloomfield Chapter, Bloomfield, silver emblem.

KANSAS.....Council Grove Chapter, Council Grove, gold emblem; Atchison County Chapter, Effingham, bronze emblem.

KENTUCKY.....Memorial Chapter, Waynesburg, gold emblem; Metcalfe County Chapter, Edmonton, gold emblem; Lowes Chapter, Lowes, silver emblem; Montgomery County Chapter, Mt. Sterling, silver emblem.

LOUISIANA.....Oak Grove Chapter, Oak Grove, gold emblem; Saline Chapter, Saline, gold emblem; Slidell Chapter, Slidell, gold emblem.

MAINE.....Limestone Chapter, Limestone, gold emblem; Mars Hill Chapter, Mars Hill, gold emblem.

MARYLAND.....Gaithersburg Chapter, Gaithersburg, gold emblem; Walkersville Chapter, Walkersville, silver emblem.

MASSACHUSETTS..Wachusett Chapter, Holden, silver emblem; Smith Chapter, Northampton, bronze emblem.

MICHIGAN.....Cassopolis Chapter, Cassopolis, gold emblem; Corunna Chapter, Corunna, gold emblem; Ovid-Elsie Chapter, Elsie, silver emblem.

MINNESOTA.....Jackson Chapter, Jackson, gold emblem; Faribault Chapter, Faribault, silver emblem; Forest Lake Chapter, Forest Lake, silver emblem; Stillwater Chapter, Stillwater, silver emblem.

MISSISSIPPI.....Morton Chapter, Morton, gold emblem; Collins Chapter, Collins, bronze emblem; South Panole Chapter, Batesville, bronze emblem.

MISSOURI.....Francis Howell Chapter, St. Charles, gold emblem; Gainesville Chapter, Gainesville, bronze emblem; Wellsville Chapter, Wellsville, bronze emblem.

MONTANA.....Flathead Chapter, Kalispell, gold emblem; Miles City Chapter, Miles City, bronze emblem.

NEBRASKA.....St. Edward Chapter, St. Edward, silver emblem; Ainsworth Chapter, Ainsworth, bronze emblem.

NEVADA.....Ruby Mountain Chapter, Elko, gold emblem.

NEW JERSEY.....Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, gold emblem; North Hunterdon Regional Chapter, Annandale, silver emblem.

NEW MEXICO.....Clovis Chapter, Clovis, gold emblem; Gadsden Chapter, Anthony, gold emblem.

NEW YORK.....Barker Chapter, Barker, gold emblem; Walton Chapter, Walton, gold emblem.

NORTH CAROLINA.....North Iredell Chapter, Olin, gold emblem; Central Chapter, Fayetteville, silver emblem; Bertie Chapter, Windsor, bronze emblem; Fuquay Varina Chapter, Fuquay Varina, bronze emblem; Ruffin Chapter, Ruffin, bronze emblem; Southern Wayne Chapter, Dudley, bronze emblem; Sun Valley Chapter, Monroe, bronze emblem.

NORTH DAKOTA....A. S. Gibbens Chapter, Maddock, gold emblem; Williston Chapter, Williston, gold emblem.

OHIO.....Marysville Chapter, Marysville, gold emblem; Big Walnut Chapter, Sunbury, silver emblem; Paulding Chapter, Paulding, silver emblem; Greenville Chapter, Greenville, bronze emblem.

OKLAHOMA.....Morris Chapter, Morris, gold emblem; Ninnekah Chapter, Ninnekah, gold emblem; Guthrie Chapter, Guthrie, silver emblem; Thomas Chapter, Thomas, silver emblem.

OREGON.....Hillsboro Chapter, Hillsboro, silver emblem; Silverton Chapter, Silverton, silver emblem.

PENNSYLVANIA.....Laurel Chapter, New Castle, gold emblem; Northern Lebanon Chapter, Fredericksburg, gold emblem; Chestnut Ridge Chapter, Fishertown, silver emblem.

**RHODE ISLAND**.....Chariho Chapter, Wood River Junction, silver emblem; Scituate Chapter, North Scituate, silver emblem.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**..Conway Chapter, Conway, silver emblem; Woodruff Chapter, Woodruff, silver emblem; James F. Byrnes Chapter, Duncan, bronze emblem; Dorman Chapter, Spartanburg, bronze emblem.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**....Wessington Springs Chapter, Wessington Springs, gold emblem; Scotland Chapter, Scotland, silver emblem.

**TENNESSEE**.....Bradley Chapter, Cleveland, gold emblem; Calhoun Chapter, Calhoun, gold emblem; Dayton Chapter, Dayton, gold emblem; Meigs Chapter, Decatur, gold emblem; McMinn County Chapter, Athens, bronze emblem.

**TEXAS**.....Boys Ranch Chapter, Boys Ranch, gold emblem; Hereford Chapter, Hereford, gold emblem; Nacogdoches Chapter, Nacogdoches, gold emblem; New Braunfels Chapter, New Braunfels, gold emblem; Sulphur Springs Chapter, Sulphur Springs, gold emblem; Luling Chapter, Luling, silver emblem; Marlin Chapter, Marlin, silver emblem; Mauriceville Chapter, Mauriceville, silver emblem; Midway Chapter, Henrietta, silver emblem; Tatum Chapter, Tatum, silver emblem; Sherman Chapter, Sherman, bronze emblem.

**UTAH**.....Bear River Chapter, Garland, gold emblem; Springville Chapter, Springville, gold emblem.

**VERMONT**.....Brattleboro Chapter, Brattleboro, bronze emblem; Middlebury Chapter, Middlebury, bronze emblem.

**VIRGINIA**.....Turner Ashby Chapter, Dayton, gold emblem; Robert E. Lee Chapter, Appomattox, gold emblem; C. T. Smith Chapter, Ladysmith, gold emblem; Independence Chapter, Independence, silver emblem.

**WASHINGTON**.....Kelso Chapter, Kelso, silver emblem; Pasco Chapter, Pasco, silver emblem.

**WEST VIRGINIA**....Ripley Chapter, Ripley, gold emblem; Terra Alta Chapter, Terra Alta, gold emblem.

**WISCONSIN**.....Westby Chapter, Westby, gold emblem; Delavan-Darien Chapter, Delavan, silver emblem; Granton Chapter, Granton, silver emblem; Monroe Chapter, Monroe, silver emblem.

**WYOMING**.....Albin Chapter, Albin, gold emblem; Frontier Chapter, Cheyenne, gold emblem.

### NATIONAL CHAPTER SAFETY AWARDS

The National Chapter Safety Awards Program is designed to stimulate activities by local chapters which will result in the more widespread use of safety rules, thus lessening the tremendous suffering and loss of life, time and property that is caused each year by preventable farm accidents and fires.

The best applications from each State on the basis of one chapter per 5,000 members or major fraction thereof, were sent to their various regional offices where a panel of experts ranked them in the Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem awards.

There were 28 Gold Emblem Chapter, 21 Silver Emblem Chapters and 20 Bronze Emblem Chapters.

The winning chapters are as follows:

ALABAMA.....Section Chapter, Section, gold emblem; Jackson Chapter, Jackson, silver emblem; Jasper Chapter, Jasper, silver emblem; Citronelle Chapter, Citronelle, bronze emblem.

ARIZONA.....Tempe Chapter, Tempe, bronze emblem.

ARKANSAS.....Magnet Cove Chapter, Malvern, silver emblem; Mansfield Chapter, Mansfield, bronze emblem; Quitman Chapter, Quitman, bronze emblem.

CALIFORNIA.....Tulare Western Chapter, Tulare, bronze emblem.

COLORADO.....Eaton Chapter, Eaton, gold emblem.

CONNECTICUT.....Housatonic Valley Chapter, Falls Village, silver emblem.

FLORIDA.....Santa Fe "Senior" Chapter, Alachua, gold emblem; South Sumter Chapter, Bushnell, gold emblem; Bartow Chapter, Bartow, silver emblem.

GEORGIA.....Pelham Chapter, Pelham, silver emblem.

IDAHO.....West Minico Chapter, Rupert, bronze emblem.

ILLINOIS.....Paxton Chapter, Paxton, gold emblem; Tonica Chapter, Tonica, gold emblem; Warren Chapter, Monmouth, gold emblem; Unity Chapter, Mendon, silver emblem.

INDIANA.....Crothersville Chapter, Crothersville, gold emblem; Hagerstown Chapter, Hagerstown, gold emblem.

IOWA.....Audubon Chapter, Audubon, gold emblem; Belle Plaine Chapter, Belle Plaine, gold emblem; New Hampton Chapter, New Hampton, silver emblem.

KANSAS.....Council Grove Chapter, Council Grove, silver emblem.

KENTUCKY.....Bush Chapter, Lida, gold emblem; Anderson County Chapter, Lawrenceburg, silver emblem.

LOUISIANA.....Saline Chapter, Saline, gold emblem; Oak Grove Chapter, Oak Grove, silver emblem; Hessmer Chapter, Hessmer, bronze emblem.

MAINE.....Limestone Chapter, Limestone, gold emblem.

MICHIGAN.....Ovid-Elsie Chapter, Elsie, gold emblem.

MINNESOTA.....Faribault Chapter, Faribault, gold emblem; New Ulm Chapter, New Ulm, silver emblem; Ortonville Nature Builders Chapter, Ortonville, bronze emblem.

MISSISSIPPI.....Stone Chapter, Wiggins, gold emblem.

MISSOURI.....Francis Howell Chapter, St. Charles, bronze emblem.

MONTANA.....Columbus Chapter, Columbus, silver emblem.

NEBRASKA.....St. Edward Chapter, St. Edward, silver emblem.

NEVADA.....Ruby Mountain Chapter, Elko, bronze emblem.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.....Colebrook Chapter, Colebrook, bronze emblem.

NEW JERSEY.....North Hunterdon Regional Chapter, Annandale, silver emblem.

NEW YORK.....Salem Chapter, Salem, gold emblem.

NORTH CAROLINA.....East Wilkes Chapter, East Wilkes, bronze emblem; Ruffin Chapter, Ruffin, bronze emblem.

NORTH DAKOTA.....Williston Chapter, Williston, bronze emblem.

OHIO.....Big Walnut Chapter, Sunbury, gold emblem; Northwest-ern-Clark Chapter, Springfield, silver emblem; Ashland Chapter, Ashland City, bronze emblem.

OREGON.....Canby Chapter, Canby, silver emblem.

PENNSYLVANIA.....Cloister Chapter, Ephrata, gold emblem; Middleburg Chapter, Middleburg, gold emblem.

RHODE ISLAND.....Scituate Chapter, North Scituate, gold emblem.

SOUTH CAROLINA.....Bowman Chapter, Bowman, gold emblem.

SOUTH DAKOTA.....Hoven Chapter, Hoven, bronze emblem.

TENNESSEE.....Greenback Chapter, Greenback, gold emblem.

TEXAS.....Mauriceville Chapter, Mauriceville, gold emblem, New Braunfels Chapter, New Braunfels, silver emblem.

UTAH.....Richfield Chapter, Richfield, silver emblem.

VERMONT.....South Royalton Chapter, South Royalton, bronze emblem.

VIRGINIA.....C. T. Smith Chapter, Ladysmith, gold emblem; Shorthorn Chapter, Saltville, bronze emblem.

WASHINGTON.....Kelso Chapter, Kelso, gold emblem.

WEST VIRGINIA.....Ripley Chapter, Ripley, silver emblem.

WISCONSIN.....Cadott Chapter, Cadott, silver emblem; Beaver Dam Chapter, Beaver Dam, bronze emblem; Brookwood Chapter, Ontario, bronze emblem.

WYOMING.....Buffalo Bill Chapter, Cody, gold emblem.

### NATIONAL FFA JUDGING CONTESTS

An important part of each National FFA Convention is the National FFA Judging Contests. All five National Contests, Livestock, Meats, Poultry, Dairy Cattle and Dairy Products are conducted in Kansas City. The winning teams received a special trophy. The contests and the national winners are listed below:

#### LIVESTOCK JUDGING—45 State Teams Participated

First Place (Tie)—TEXAS and MINNESOTA. The Texas team was composed of Jimmy Ognoskie, Edgar Oberrender, Bobby Fuchs, and coached by Kermit Blezinger, vocational agricultural instructor, Needville High School, Needville, Texas. The Minnesota team

was composed of Jim Resch, Van Johnson, Owen Ingbritson and coached by David A. Hansen, vocational agricultural instructor, Jackson High School, Jackson, Minnesota. The Awards Breakfast was sponsored by Wilson & Company, Inc., Oscar Mayer & Company, and Jones Dairy Farm. The contest was held at the American Royal Arena and Stockyards, Kansas City, Kansas.

#### **MEATS JUDGING—33 State Teams Participated**

First Place—TEXAS. The team was composed of Timmy Wyatt, John Cooper, Scott Brank, and coached by Ray Carson, vocational agriculture instructor, Garland High School, Garland, Texas. The Awards Breakfast was sponsored by Wilson & Company, Inc., Oscar Mayer & Company, and Jones Dairy Farm. The contest was held at the U. S. Government Cold Storage Facility, Kansas City, Missouri.

#### **POULTRY JUDGING—32 State Teams Participated**

First Place—WYOMING. The team was composed of Casey Epler, Eddie Stoner, Alan Epler, and coached by Joe Navrath, vocational agriculture instructor, Burns Consolidated High School, Burns, Wyoming. The Awards Breakfast was sponsored by Wilson & Company, Inc., Oscar Mayer & Company, and Jones Dairy Farm. The contest was held in the Municipal Auditorium Annex, Kansas City, Missouri.

#### **DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING—44 State Teams Participated**

First Place—KENTUCKY. The team was composed of Paul Snider, Jesse Jepson, Paul Jones, and coached by Bonell Hackett, vocational agriculture instructor, Franklin-Simpson High School, Franklin, Kentucky. The Awards Breakfast was sponsored by Mid-America Dairymen's Association. The contest was held in the American Royal Arena, Kansas City, Kansas.

#### **DAIRY PRODUCTS JUDGING—31 State Teams Participated**

First Place—UTAH. The team was composed of Blaine Tanner, Kent Perry, Garth Christensen, and coached by M. Rex Jensen, vocational agriculture instructor, Bear River High School, Garland, Utah. The Awards Breakfast was sponsored by the Mid-American Dairymen's Association. The contest was held in the Aladdin Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.

#### **NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**

The National FFA Public Speaking Contest is held in Kansas City. It is the final elimination of a nationwide contest that started in local chapters with winners progressing through area or federation competition, then State contests, and four Regional contests.

Each of the four boys who participated in the national contest already had won a medal at the local chapter level and a \$100 prize at the State level. The winner of the national contest received \$300. Other awards are \$275 for second, \$250 for third, and \$225 for fourth. All awards and travel funds are provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation. The FFA Foundation provided \$4,044.44 to help pay the travel expenses of State winners to regional contests.

Each contestant spoke from 6 to 8 minutes on an agricultural subject of his own choosing, then was subjected to five minutes of questioning by the judges. Scoring was done on the basis of speech delivery, manuscript, and answers to questions.

#### JUDGES:

William J. Jensen, Vice President and General Manager, Agricultural Division, Butler Manufacturing Co., Kansas City, Missouri

Jerry Litton, Litton Charolais Ranch, Chillicothe, Missouri (National FFA Student Secretary, 1956-57)

Leon P. Minear, Director, Division of Vocational and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

#### TIMEKEEPERS:

George Zeis, Vice President and Secretary, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks of St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri

Hugh Tassey, Director of Educational and Community Services, Montgomery Ward and Company, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

#### Winners in the National Public Speaking Contest:

First Place—Edward Bryan Hatchett, Jr., Glasgow, Kentucky—  
“Rural America—Our Hope For The Future” ..... \$300.00

Second Place—Chris Johns, Central Point, Oregon—  
“Poisoned Prosperity” ..... 275.00

Third Place—Danny Guidroz, Lockport, Louisiana—  
“The American Farmer” ..... 250.00

Fourth Place—Robert Keith Crank, Ripley, West Virginia—  
“A Future In Agribusiness” ..... 225.00

**RURAL AMERICA—OUR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**

By: Edward Bryan Hatchett

"The great cities rest upon our broad and fertile prairies. Burn down your cities and leave our farms and your cities will spring up again as if by magic; but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country." Thus proclaimed William Jennings Bryan in 1896, yet never before have his words had more relevance. Never before has rural America held such value for the citizens of our nation. From its very conception, America has depended upon the development and performance of its rural areas. Consider the American agriculturalist, a man of tremendous strength and courage. He has battled the elements, withstood the danger of wars and the hardship of depression, to remain, for these 182 years, the firm foundation upon which rests the economic superiority which our nation maintains. Through his work as a producer and marketer, and through the producer — related businesses in which he is engaged, he has become the mainstay of American economy, and must continue in that capacity if we are to *remain a free and independent nation*.

In the past several decades, there has been a mass exodus of Americans from rural to urban areas, and rightfully so, for the city could once offer much, the country very little. Most rural homes had no electricity, no central heating, no telephones, no water systems; and roads were so poor that rural America was virtually cut off from the rest of the world. The schools of rural America had one teacher for eight grades, and children sometimes walked miles to attend.

Meanwhile, urban America was enjoying the comforts of progress: electricity, central heating, telephones, hot and cold running water, good schools, paved streets, and better job opportunities. Consequently, the rural American headed for the cities, seeking a better life than the one he left behind. As a result, today seventy percent of our population live on one percent of our land.

However, Americans are presently re-assessing urban areas and their potential. The problems and discomforts of city life have multiplied with the increasing masses of humanity. The stench and filth of city slums have not provided acceptable environment for Americans. Dirty, polluted air makes Mr. Urban-Dweller's existence more difficult, his life shorter. Overcrowded conditions cause him to swelter in summer heat, chill in winter snow. He is constantly faced with the possibility of riot, his business being burned, looted, or his job jeopardized. He is afraid to walk a city street alone at night. His sleep is interrupted by the cries of suffering and violence. He is hardened by the impersonal, indifferent attitude of the city. He loses his identity, thus his initiative in the masses, and resigns himself to the pressures of the rat-race.

Thus the city dweller of today compares the offerings of rural and urban areas, and finds that the advantages of urban America are no longer there. Rural America can today offer every modern convenience for improved living conditions plus a sense of freedom and independence. The rural American enjoys closeness to nature and the freshness of his surroundings. The evolution of American society to the pressures of super-complexity has brought about a more appreciative attitude toward nature. Man now recognizes his ever-present lust for the peaceful beauty of undisturbed countryside.

Finally, more progress has been made in rural America in the past thirty years than ever before. Production per man hour of farm labor has more than tripled in the past twenty years as a result of mechanization and yield-boosting technology. Agricultural productivity has increased six times that of 1920, and productivity per farm worker has risen six percent each year since 1960. Thus, probably the greatest advantage which rural America boasts over urban America is the prospect for the future. A brightness dominates the horizon for rural America.

We would certainly not advocate that large numbers of our city-dwellers become farmers, since with our tremendous productive capacity, we can, at the present time, produce all that is needed. However, with today's means of rapid transit, one doesn't necessarily have to be a farmer to live in rural areas. We certainly believe that the countryside is the best place in which to live and bring up our children.

What will be our role, we of the Future Farmers of America, in this future to which we have looked? Are we going to be part of the problem or part of the answer? Despite our name, we are not all going to become farmers, nor should we. However, no matter what line of endeavor to which we aspire, the training we've received as self-reliant businessmen will prove invaluable to us; and whether we become doctors, lawyers, or Indian chiefs, the love of the land instilled within us by dedicated instructors and advisors will cause most of us to make our homes as far as is possible from the concrete jungles.

We have concluded that the underlying cause of the urban crisis is the flow of rural people to metropolitan areas. We've also seen that continued economic prosperity and increased living standards for our people depend upon a halt of the flow, and hopefully, a reversal of it. That is, we must encourage the back-to-the-land movement already begun. Advanced technologies have increased rural America's productivity, introduced modern comforts and conveniences, and induced a re-assessment of rural areas by Americans. We who recognize rural potential and endeavor to find solutions to the urban crisis and increasing population, must enlighten our fellow-men. United, we can reverse the flow of rural people to

metropolitan areas and buffer the present unbalanced situation threatening our very existence. This idea was best surmised in the following statement by former President Lyndon B. Johnson:

This is a turning point in our history. Rural-urban balance could make the life or death difference for this land that we love, this America of ours. It can mean the growth or decay of our countryside and our cities. It can determine whether we live and work in harmony across this spacious continent — or cram together in rising hostility in a few concrete beehives.

### AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS

This year, FFA members received more than \$230,000 in awards that were provided by the National Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. Approximately 100,000 members receive medals. These awards are given to encourage FFA members toward the goals of Establishment in Agricultural Occupations, Development of Leadership and the Practice of Good Citizenship. Following are National Proficiency Award Winners who were recognized at the 1969 National FFA Convention:

#### AGRIBUSINESS

Charles Grant, Owassa, Alabama, National Winner.....	\$250.00
Robert Dean Hisey, Marysville, Ohio, Central Region.....	200.00
Dale Thomas, Gooding, Idaho, Pacific Region.....	200.00
John Despres, Southbury, Connecticut, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00

#### AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

H. Charles Bachman, Johnstown, Ohio, National Winner.....	\$250.00
Elton Soell, Olathe, Colorado, Pacific Region.....	200.00
Peter R. Jacquier, East Canaan, Connecticut, North Atlantic Region....	200.00
Wheelus Davis, II, Ocilla, Georgia, Southern Region.....	200.00

#### CROP FARMING

Keith L. Eisenmann, Blissfield, Michigan, National Winner.....	\$250.00
Jay Scharf, Amity, Oregon, Pacific Region.....	200.00
Roy E. Jacob, Indiana, Pennsylvania, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00
Gerald Caswell, Meadow, Texas, Southern Region.....	200.00

#### DAIRY FARMING

Helmut Teichert, Sun River, Montana, National Winner.....	\$250.00
Jeffry Altwegg, Riley, Kansas, Central Region.....	200.00
Gary McCandless, Omega, Oklahoma, Southern Region.....	200.00
Thomas A. Colpetzer, Tyrone, Pennsylvania, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00

## FARM AND HOME ELECTRIFICATION

Danny Mitts, Morris, Oklahoma, National Winner.....	\$250.00
Daniel Joe Vollmer, St. Charles, Missouri, Central Region.....	200.00
Ronald Sjostrom, Lander, Wyoming, Pacific Region.....	200.00
Steven Alexander, Bridgewater, Maine, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00

## FORESTRY

Arthur Batchelor, Reform, Alabama, National Winner.....	\$250.00
Tom Allison, Osterburg, Pennsylvania, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00
Carl R. Barrett, Jr., Marble Hill, Missouri, Central Region.....	200.00
Dwight Weiss, Grass Valley, California, Pacific Region.....	200.00

## HOME IMPROVEMENT

Wayne Riehle, Davenport, Washington, National Winner.....	\$250.00
Duane Eicken, Carrollton, Illinois, Central Region.....	200.00
Marvin G. Meadows, Milton, West Virginia, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00
James Richardson, High Springs, Florida, Southern Region.....	200.00

## LIVESTOCK FARMING

Dale Hawkins, Stet, Missouri, National Winner.....	\$250.00
Steven J. Engle, Newcastle, Wyoming, Pacific Region.....	200.00
Bruce E. Teets, Eglon, West Virginia, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00
Jim Heuer, Harrison, Arkansas, Southern Region.....	200.00

## NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Timothy N. Titsworth, Cameron, Texas, National Winner.....	\$250.00
Larry Glenn Henderson, Sparta, Illinois, Central Region.....	200.00
John McAllaster, Dallas, Oregon, Pacific Region.....	200.00
Demus Lourie, West Rupert, Vermont, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00

## ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

Norman C. Freel, Lake Wales, Florida, National Winner.....	\$250.00
Gary Draheim, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Central Region.....	200.00
Dennis A. Roach, La Puente, California, Pacific Region.....	200.00
Paul J. Seretny, Willimantic, Connecticut, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00

## PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

Jim Zaiger, Modesto, California, National Winner.....	\$250.00
Ronald J. Lewis, Williston, North Dakota, Central Region.....	200.00
Kenneth Clement, Chester, New Hampshire, North Atlantic Region.....	200.00
Mitchell Spears, Montevallo, Alabama, Southern Region.....	200.00

## POULTRY FARMING

Eddie R. Jones, Section Alabama, National Winner.....	\$250.00
Robert M. Kirkwood, Hopkinton, Iowa, Central Region.....	200.00
Jordan D. Gish, Modesto, California, Pacific Region.....	200.00
Gleason Ritchie, Jr., Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania, North Atlantic Region .....	200.00

## SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

S. Kenneth Wilmot, Portageville, New York, National Winner.....	\$250.00
Mike Burkeybile, Spickard, Missouri, Central Region.....	200.00
Micky Shober, Gillette, Wyoming, Pacific Region.....	200.00
Charles P. Robertson, Axton, Virginia, Southern Region.....	200.00

# The FFA Creed

I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds—achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come up to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so—for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

*The creed was written by E. M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. (Revised at the 38th Convention.)*

# The FFA Motto...

Learning to Do

Doing to Learn

Earning to Live

Living to Serve